

Chickasaw veterans experience range of emotions during Veterans Day trip to Washington



Sixteen Chickasaw veterans traveled to Washington, D.C. in November to commemorate Veterans Day. Front row from left are, Murriel (Merle) Jennings, Lawton, Okla.; Lawrence (Larry) Pickens, Caseville, Ill.; Barry Straughn, Norman, Okla.; and Danny (Dan) Hill, Midwest City, Okla. Second row from left, Jerry McCurtain, Blue Lake, Calif.; Ben Willis, Marietta, Okla.; Thomas (Tom) Hogland, Tuttle, Okla.; Bob Ross, Ada, Okla.; Floyd Parnacher, Newcastle, Okla.; and Albert (Al) Mait Jr., Rogers, Ark. Back row from left, Bill P. Brown, Frederick, Okla.; Patrick Z. Wyers, Fort Worth, Texas; John G. Cobb, Ardmore, Okla.; J.D. Norman, Ada; Robert (Bob) Ernest Ray Jr., Bend, Ore.; and Marlin Straughn, Norman.

WASHINGTON - The trumpet sounded at Arlington National Cemetery. Three Chickasaw veterans lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns.

J.D. Norman, of Ada, Okla., said the somber ceremony was overwhelming.

"I can't express my feelings enough for the ones who have gone before me - my friends," the 84-year-old Korean War veteran said. "It just overwhelms me to talk about it and think about it."

Bob Ross, 74, of Ada, and Robert Ernest Ray, Jr., 70, of Bend, Oregon, joined Mr. Norman in paying their respects.

Mr. Ross said he became very emotional thinking of those who "weren't as lucky" as he was.

"I got nervous. I was excited. I was glad to do it, but still yet I was nervous," said Mr. Ross. "Tears came to my eyes. It brought tears to my eyes thinking of all the men and women who gave their lives for their

country."

Mr. Ray said being able to say thank you to the unknown soldiers was "a privilege and an honor."

The three men were among 16 Chickasaw veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. Nov. 7-12 to recognize Veterans Day.

Sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging, the trip was an opportunity for re-

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Season's Greetings

Season's Greetings and warmest holiday wishes to all Chickasaws!

We are thankful for the many blessings we enjoy, especially our families, our friends and our tribe.



Gov. BILL ANOATUBBY

so honorably; to our Chickasaw elders who add so much richness to our lives; to our Chickasaw families, for whom we prayerfully request love and closeness.

A special blessing to our Chickasaw children, who hold the keys to our hearts and our futures. May they always have love, happiness and prosperity.

Let us remember in our prayers those who have experienced trouble in their lives, those who are searching for meaning, and those who are alone this season.

Our prayer is that we answer the call fully when directed to help our fellow man.

The season of peace and fullness of spirit is upon us!

God bless you, your family and our beloved tribe.

We have been blessed by the many, many Chickasaw people who sacrificed that we might build from a solid foundation.

We extend special holiday wishes to all our men and women serving in the military. We pray for your safety and your happy return home.

Season's greetings to our Chickasaw veterans who served our country

Bill Anoatubby

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Chickasaw veteran J.D. Norman visits with local school children at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

membrane and honor.

Members of the group included veterans from Oklahoma, Arkansas, California, Texas, Oregon and Illinois.

Following the wreath-laying ceremony, all 16 Chickasaw veterans had a rare opportunity to visit the Arlington Cemetery guard living quarters. Inside the quarters, the veterans visited with the guards about their service at the cemetery.

"I really have a lot of respect for what they go through to be able to serve there," Mr. Ray said. "I don't know if I could put up with the amount of dis-

cipline you have to have and dedication and real focus that they put in that program."

The Tomb of the Unknowns is guarded 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Weather conditions never interfere with the duty.

Other venues veterans visited during the trip included the White House, U.S. Capitol, National Museum of the American Indian, National Archives, Library of Congress, Air and Space Museum, Korean War Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, World War II Memorial, Navy Memorial and many more.

While at the Air and Space Museum, the Chickasaw veterans were pleasantly surprised when several local school children came up to them to shake their hands and thank them for their service.

Benjamin Willis said the entire trip was "like a dream."

"You sometimes have a good dream, but this was a real one," the 75-year-old Navy veteran from Marietta, Okla., said. "It's way beyond what you could ever think."

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Elders give thanks

Elders' Thanksgiving Dinner and Bazaar welcomes hundreds

ADA, Okla. - Hundreds of Chickasaw Nation elders gathered Nov. 20 at the Pontotoc County Agriplex for the annual Elders' Thanksgiving Dinner and Bazaar.

Elders representing the 13 Chickasaw Nation Senior Centers enjoyed refreshments and browsed fundraising craft booths.

Governor Bill Anoatubby welcomed guests prior to a traditional Thanksgiving lunch.

As a day to celebrate Thanksgiving with other Chickasaw elders, participants shared what they were thankful for throughout the year.

"This year I was the Grand Marshal of the Veterans' Parade in Blanchard," said Nathaniel Thomas, of Blanchard, Okla. "It was an honor and privilege."



Nathaniel
Thomas

Roger Gardner,



Sue and Roger Gardner, of Wynnewood, Okla., are thankful for their family this holiday season. The couple attended the Elder's Thanksgiving Dinner and Bazaar, Nov. 20 at the Ada Expo Center.

Mike McKee

of Wynnewood, Okla., said he had much for which he was thankful.

"I am grateful my great-grandchild, a girl, was born last month," Mr. Gardner said. "Also, in January my wife and I are going on a Grand Ol' Opry cruise!"

Each year hundreds of elders attend the Elders' Thanksgiving Dinner and Bazaar. The event gives many elders an opportunity to visit and enjoy fellowship with Chickasaw friends and family.

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Marcella Cravatt, of Pontotoc, Okla., arranges jewelry at a booth during the Elders Thanksgiving Dinner and Bazaar.

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East Central, Southeastern campus courses begin in January**Clemente courses offer look into Chickasaw spirit, creativity**

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Clemente Humanities Program is offering two exciting opportunities to explore the heart, spirit and creativity of the Chickasaw people.

The Chickasaw Clemente II humanities course begins Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012, at East Central University in Ada. College students and adults of all ages are invited to enroll. The course will be 6:30 p.m. to 9:05 p.m. each Thursday throughout the semester.

The Chickasaw Clemente I humanities course will be offered 1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., each

Tuesday at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Okla., beginning January 17, 2012.

Students in Clemente I explore Chickasaw humanities in depth in contrast to Western humanities. Clemente II students discover additional aspects of Chickasaw humanities, as contrasted to other North American tribal cultures. The courses are complementary of one another but need not be taken in any order. Students earn three college credit hours upon successful completion of each course.

"By examining both ancient and contemporary Chickasaw art, language, spirituality, traditions and governments, students learn not only how Chickasaws are different from others tribes, but also how we are similar," said Lona Barrick, administrator for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities.

Along with readings and lively class discussions, humanities professors and notable guests help students through the discovery process with special presentations in the fields of government, art,

language, literature and other disciplines. One hour each class period is devoted to basic Chickasaw language instruction. Chickasaw language instructors for the courses are Vera Tims at ECU and Hannah Corsello at SOSU.

"It's both a tremendously rewarding class and also a lot of fun," said Laura Clark, adjunct faculty for the Clemente courses at ECU and the Chickasaw Nation Humanities and Literary Arts Manager.

Chickasaw citizens may qualify for one of a limited number of scholarships dur-

ing the semester, made available through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities. Chickasaw Nation employees may also earn Individual Development Plan (IDP) credit upon course completion.

For more information about the Clemente humanities courses, please contact Laura Clark or Jennifer Watson in the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520, laura.clark@chickasaw.net or jennifer.watson@chickasaw.net.

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'Chickasaws: People of the Earth' is topic**Writing contest open to students, young adults**

Entries are being accepted for the 2012 Chickasaw Nation "Anoli" Creative Writing contest.

Deadline for contest entries is Feb. 24.

Chickasaw student writers in grades six through 12, and young adults through age 24 are encouraged to enter up to three written works in one or more categories – poetry, short story, narrative and essay.

The topic for this year's creative writing contest is "Chickasaws: People of the Earth."

Entries should focus on what the Earth means to Native people, how we are connected and

how we can be good stewards of the earth and the environment.

Winners receive cash prizes and medals.

All works submitted must be original and will be evaluated by a panel of judges based on artistic form, creativity, how well the work relates to the topic and literary expression within each age division.

Division I includes grades six through eight. Division II includes grades nine through 12. The third division includes young adults through age 24 regardless of education level or enrollment.

Proof of Chickasaw citizenship is required.

Entries may be delivered to the tribal Division of Arts and Humanities office, 201 N. Broadway, Ada, Okla., or mailed to Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

To learn more or to obtain an entry form, please contact Laura Clark or Jennifer Watson in the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520, laura.clark@chickasaw.net or jennifer.watson@chickasaw.net.

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Butterfly logo contest now open to Chickasaw girls age 14 to 18

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities is accepting entries for a butterfly logo. The contest deadline is Feb. 3, 2012.

Interested Chickasaw female artists, ages 14 through 18, are encouraged to submit one piece of artwork in a medium of their choice. Entries should be between 10 inches and 20 inches in size.

The winning logo will be used in all artwork and promotional materials for the 2012 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum. Hosted in partnership with the East Central University, the conference and forum recognize the strength and leadership of Chickasaw women from all

walks of life.

The winner will also receive a \$200 cash award.

Entries can be delivered to the Division's office at 201 N. Broadway, Ada, Okla., or mailed to Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821. Entries can also be emailed to artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

Artists must be able to provide proof of Chickasaw citizenship.

For more information, please contact Laura Clark of Jennifer Watson at (580) 272-5520 or email artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

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'Christmas at the Museums' set for Dec. 10 in Tish, Emet

The Chickasaw Nation will host a holiday-themed trek through Chickasaw territory on Dec. 10.

The "Christmas at the Museums" event features a free progressive dinner providing a dinner course at each stop. Appetizers will be provided at 3 p.m. at the Chickasaw Council House in Tishomingo, Okla., followed by a variety of stews at 4 p.m. at the historic Chickasaw Capitol.

After the dinner, a shuttle will be available to take the guests to the Chickasaw White House in Emet, Okla., for desserts and a visit with Santa.

Guests will also be able to enjoy the festive décor and music as they tour the museums.

The Council House Museum includes artifacts tracing the history and culture of the Chickasaw people, contemporary Chickasaw artworks, a gift shop and many more. It is located at 209 North Fisher.

Built in 1895, The Chickasaw White House was the home of Chickasaw Governor Douglas Johnston and his family from 1898 to 1907. Now under the care of the tribe, the White House has been restored to its full grandeur. It is located at the north edge of Emet, 10 miles east of Tishomingo.

For more information, please call (580) 371-9835.

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Find wonderful gifts at Arts & Humanities Gallery

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities Gallery will now be open 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., each Thursday until Christmas.

The gallery offers a large selection of gift items including, one-of-a-kind jewelry, outstanding Chickasaw pottery, beautifully etched glassware and books. Other items include fine art cards by renowned Chickasaw artists, OSHTALI CDs, Lowak Shoppala DVD and CD sets, signed limited edition prints, signed Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival post-

ers, t-shirts and mugs.

Available books include the ancient story of "Spider Brings Fire" and the larger second edition of "Nittak Hollo Nakfish: It's Saturday."

"Spider Brings Fire" is a beautifully illustrated, 50-page hardback book and orchestrated CD produced by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities.

Also available are cards produced by the tribal design and marketing students – Sarah Reynolds, Addi Manning, Michaela Milligan, Sadie Milligan

and Ryan Rico. Offered by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, the design and marketing class seeks to instill entrepreneurial spirit. Students learn the full scope of product creation from concept to promotion and distribution.

The gallery is located at 201 N. Broadway in Ada, Okla. It is also open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday.

For more information, please call (580) 272-5520.

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At NCAI, we work with fellow tribes on Indian issues

As Chairperson of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, a Chickasaw citizen and a resident of the Chickasaw Nation, I spend virtually all my time considering or working on issues that specifically impact Chickasaw people. In the Chickasaw Nation, we regularly deal with issues regarding programs and services, partnerships and commercial endeavors. These are important issues; however, there is so much more that impacts not just Chickasaws, but Indian people across the country.

In November I had the opportunity to work with hundreds of fellow tribal leaders on universal Indian issues during the 68th National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention in Portland, Oregon. The NCAI is the oldest, largest and most representative Indian organization serving the interests of tribal communities and governments. The organization has been dedicated to protecting tribal sovereignty since its inception in 1944. The NCAI is, at its core, the unified voice of Indian Country. It was my honor to serve as an Alternate Delegate to the Eastern Oklahoma Caucus for our Nation. Gov. Anoatubby is the First Delegate and he appoints the other two with the advice and consent of the Legislature.

During the convention, I engaged in discussions on many, many issues that face our fellow Indian nations.

Some of the most important at this time are protecting tribal lands, protecting and improving the lives of Native women and the importance of the federal trust responsibility to support and invest in Indian Country. It is critically important that we continue to speak as a united voice on these issues of importance. To get real results, we must make ourselves heard as a common voice. It was also a great conference because Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel was re-elected NCAI President.

An important meeting will happen just a few days from now when President Obama hosts the White House Tribal Nations Conference on Dec. 2. This important meeting will bring together the President and many of the nation's top Indian leaders. Such a direct line of communication is vital if we are to make our issues known, and come up with solutions beneficial to ourselves and the United States.

It's a blessing that I have been able to view the "big picture" of the issues in Indian Country. But it is wonderful to be back home in the Chickasaw Nation where we are blessed to be citizens of a progressive, forward-thinking Indian nation!



DAVID WOERZ

Chairman,
Chickasaw
Tribal
Legislature

Historic views of Chickasaw people very engaging

Chukma! Chin Chukma. I can't believe that we are already into the holiday season - my favorite time of the year. This year has certainly flown by! Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate and give thanks for all that God has given us. We are truly blessed here in the Chickasaw Nation. It is good to be Chickasaw!

This month I want to continue with a little bit of Chickasaw history. History defines who we are and how we got here. I have found the literary work of the following authors to be interesting. They lived with or around numerous Indian tribes including the Chickasaw. In comparison, they wrote:



DEAN MCMANUS

Secretary,
Chickasaw
Tribal
Legislature

Le Page du Pratz - du Pratz was an historian and ethnographer best known for his Histoire de-la-Louisiana Study of 1758. He wrote: "The Chickasaw men have regular features, are well-shaped and neatly dressed. They are fierce and have a high opinion of themselves."

Jean Bernard Bossu - An historian, scientist and Captain in the French Navy, he wrote: "The Chickasaws are tall, well-made and of an unparalleled courage."

John F. Smith wrote "They are a brave and respectable nation, not for their numbers for they are few, but for their virtue and unconquerable spirit."

Major Robert Rogers - An acclaimed military leader during the French and Indian war, he described the Chickasaw women in 1762 as "far exceeding in beauty any other nation to the southward" With regard to the Chickasaw men he wrote that they were "tall, well-shaped and handsome featured."

Thomas Nairne - An Indian agent and trader, Nairne wrote in 1708 "The Chickasaws are proper handsome people exceeding the others (natives peoples)."

And so it continues today that we Chickasaw are brave and respectful with an unconquerable spirit. We are virtuous and beautiful, successful with unparalleled courage and self confidence. We indeed have a lot to be thankful for and it is good to be Chickasaw! I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families.

I certainly hope to hear from you so I know what I can do to enhance your quality of life. Please contact me through dean.mcmanus@chickasaw.net or call me at 580.436.1460.

Chi ihollo li!(I love you!)

Dean McManus, Pontotoc District Seat 4

Panola luncheon serves as tribes to our veterans

By now, most of us are preparing to face the holiday season with a smile on our face and a Christmas list in our hand! November passed in a blur. To celebrate Veterans Day, a luncheon was held and our Panola District Veterans were invited to attend. Each veteran was recognized and provided with a small token of appreciation for their service to our Country. Here is a little bit of background about those who were at the party.

Mr. Truman K. Marris was in the 45th Division 180th of the Army National Guard from 1963-1969. He served during the JFK Cuban Missile Crisis. This was during the Vietnam Era.

Mr. Larry Skinner was stationed in Germany and served in the Army as a Fixed Wing Single Engine Mechanic, 1964-1966. His service time was also during the Vietnam War. He still cares his discharge papers in his wallet.



BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw
Tribal
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Mr. Rastus (L.D.) Love served in the Artillery Division of the Army from 1953-1955. He was stationed in Korea during the Korean War.

Mr. Wayne Cotton, was on active duty with the U.S. Navy and served as an Aviation Electronics Technician, 1966-1969. He was stationed at Andrews Air Force base in Washington, D.C. during the MLK Riots.

Stefanie Luna, BSN-RN Elder Case Manager, Amy Wompler BSRT-MBA Services @ Large Case Manager and Tammie Eldridge LPN Tribal Health Nurse were on hand to offer our Veterans and Elders Flu shots and information about the Division of Health.

I have to brag. The Achille Chickasaw Senior Center is one of the most manicured properties in the area. Every week the Ardmore

Landscaping Department sends a team of landscaping specialists to our location. Calvin Pickens, John Blackwood and Stephen Kendall are responsible for mowing, planting, weeding and irrigation of the property. The Crew also takes care of various locations such as, the Capitol in Tishomingo, the Whitehouse in Emet and other Senior Centers. Recently the men were here, doing weekly maintenance and potting bright, beautiful chrysanthemums.

Thanks you to all Chickasaw Nation Workers who keep our citizens and our tribal properties up and going. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays Everyone!

The Golden Rule: Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so treat them.....Matthew 7:12

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From top left: from left, Stefanie Luna, Amy Wompler and Tammie Eldridge. From left, Calvin Pickens, John Blackwood and Stephen Kendall. Veterans from left, Truman K. Marris, Larry Skinner, Rastus (LD) Love and Wayne Cotton. Veterans not pictured: Joe Beshirs, DeLoyd Hicks, Harold Anders, Jimmy Yankee Jack and Charles McIntyre.

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Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SW jewelry, dream catchers, caps, ribbon shirts, traditional dresses and lots of Chickasaw items. Shop the Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop for all your gift giving items!

Court Advocates now available in Ardmore, Ada and Purcell

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

People helping each other reflects what is possible

Merry Christmas Everyone, The Holidays are here! This is a wonderful time of year, and I love it. But I'm seeing and hearing of more needs, this year than ever before. At first, the stories of hardship weighed heavily upon my heart and mind. Then, I began to think that if we all work together; the increased needs created by the hardships of today's economic times may become the unexpected blessings of the season. As I think back, there never has been a time when people didn't need to pull together. To be sure, there were times of greater need than others, but we Chickasaws and friends of Chickasaws have always done better when we worked together.

When experiencing challenging circumstances, I always think of my Grandpa Underwood facing the Great Depression by moving his family from Ada to the Kiamichi Mountains of McCurtain County, Oklahoma. Grandpa had survived a mustard gas attack during World War I. As a result, he received a small monthly disability check from the government. When the Depression hit, without notice, the checks stopped, leaving Grandpa with a wife, two children, bills to pay and no income. Then, as Grandpa would describe it, he would say, "I got this letter from Fat, and Fat said, "Wahoo, come on down to the mountains. They can't starve us out here." Charlie "Fat" Truitt and my Grandpa had been friends since boyhood. Grandpa called him "Fat" with respect, and he called Grandpa "Wahoo" with equal respect.

Fat, his wife Myrtle and their two kids lived in the mountains north of Wright City where they fished, hunted deer, wild hogs, squirrels, and rabbits and ran their livestock on the open range. Fat's offer paralleled another fateful encounter and ensuing friendship. When Grandpa was in the hospital recovering from the effects of the mustard gas, he met a nurse who had inherited a lodge of Glover River, north of Wright City. She asked Grandpa to make a trip to check out the property and send her a letter describing what she had inherited and what he thought she should do with it. Grandpa thought about Fat's offer and the lodge on Glover River for a couple of days. In short order, Grandpa rented the lodge and moved Grandma, Uncle David and Mother into it and began conducting guided hunting and fishing trips. Grandma and Mother did the washing, cooking and cleaning for the guests and Uncle David ran around tearing up jack. He was kind of work brittle. In the actions of Grandpa and his friends to ensure each other's survival during the uncertainty of the Great Depression, I find direction for the challenges we are facing today. Like Fat's letter to Grandpa, Grandpa's willingness to go appraise an inherited property, or a nurse's willingness to rent a lodge to a friends, maybe we should reach out to neighbors, friends and family members being open to recognizing needs and lending a helping hand.

Sometimes we receive the greatest blessings when we help others. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! People First, Katie



KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Plenty going on to help you enjoy a Chickasaw Christmas!

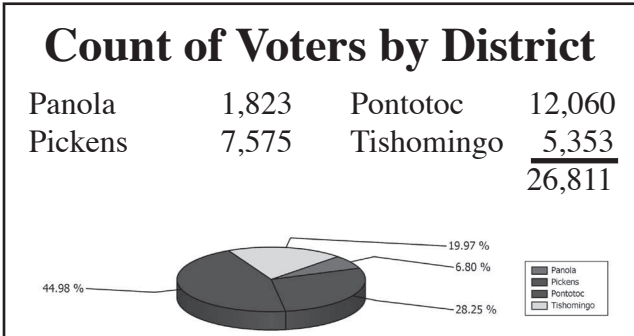
Chukma, The holiday season is upon us, whether we're ready for it or not! The Chickasaw Nation abounds in opportunities for you and your family to participate in the holiday celebrations. One of the activities planned is the Christmas Celebration at the Cultural Center on December 10. Luminaries will glow in the Traditional Village, where hot chocolate will be served with your tour. There will be something for everyone as pictures with Santa, Christmas craft classes, a scrapbooking workshop, and a movie will be offered throughout the day, as well as a Christmas Concert by the band Injunuity.



NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Also planned for December 10, starting at 5 p.m., will be the Christmas at the Museum and Progressive Dinner at the Chickasaw Council House Museum and White House in Tishomingo and Emet, Oklahoma. This should be a fantastic educational experience for you and your children as you enjoy the holiday beauty and history of the Chickasaw White House. For more information you can call (580) 371-9835. I hope to see many of you at the Annual Christmas Dinner for our elders on December 16 at the Agriplex in Ada. Take time to get out and enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of the Christmas season if you can, and don't forget to pass down your traditions to your children and grandchildren. Tell them the stories of your life and how you celebrated Christmas as you were growing up, and don't forget the real reason for the season, the birth of our Savior. Enjoy the holidays and please let me know if I can help in any way. Anowa' chipisala'cho, (Until I see you again) Nancy (580) 399-4374 Nancy.elliott@Chickasaw.net



Connecticut visit makes connection with 'Back East'

Greetings from the Pickens District! This is my favorite time of year. We just celebrated time with friends and family at Thanksgiving, looking back at 2011 and remembering what we are thankful for. Now we are all preparing for Christmas and what that means to each of us - Christmas lights, Christmas trees, Santa and his elves. But let us not forget that the real reason for all our hustle and bustle was that Jesus gave his life for us. For this, we should all be thankful.

A few of us traveled to Windsor, Connecticut in October to meet with Chickasaws in the New England area. Although we didn't plan to be caught in their record-breaking snowfall, it's always a pleasure to meet with fellow Chickasaws. Wherever we travel, we frequently hear, "It's a small world." That was definitely the case on this trip. Upon arriving at the community council meeting, the first people I met were James and Christine Boyd. The first question always asked when meeting with Chickasaws at-large is, "Where in Oklahoma is your family from?" Mr. Boyd shared with me that he lived in Ardmore for a time while growing up, before moving to the Oklahoma City area. Being from Ardmore, I made the "Boyd" connection and discovered I know of some of his relatives still living in Ardmore. Each time I attend a community council meeting, whether within the Chickasaw Nation or at-large, I am so pleased with what we are doing for our Chickasaws.

Vickye Gordon does a great job lining up pertinent topics for our Chickasaws, keeping them in the loop with what's going on within the Chickasaw Nation and educating them about our many programs and services. Thank you, Vickye, for what you do for our people.

I'd like to invite everyone to attend the Chickasaw Cultural Center this Christmas season. December 10 is the Christmas celebration, which should bring a fun-filled day packed with activities for all ages. Everyone is invited to join the festivities with hot chocolate, Santa and Mrs. Claus, an ornament and Christmas tree workshop for the kiddos, a concert featuring Injunuity and much more. Visit the Cultural Center's website at www.chickasawculturalcenter.com for a list of activities.

Merry Christmas! For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ~John 3:16



Shana Hammond (r) with James and Christine Boyd at the Connecticut Community Council.

New park to be constructed across from Artesian Hotel

Chokma, I hope all is well with you and your family. I had the pleasure of attending the Chickasaw Elders Thanksgiving Lunch and Bazaar with my mother and great-aunt. It was good to see everyone, and I would like to thank all those who prepared and served the meal; it was a wonderful afternoon, in large part due to your efforts. There were many tables around the room loaded with beautiful handmade items, crafts, art and food. I was lucky enough to win a drawing for an original oil painting by Anna Ruth Cole. Thank you, Anna, for creating such a beautiful piece. I am very happy to have it and will hang it proudly in my Legislative office.



TOBY PERKINS

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In session, the Legislature approved a resolution to build a seven thousand square foot pocket park in Sulphur, across the street from the new Artesian Hotel. The project will replace a dilapidated area, and the new park will include water features, a walking path, sitting areas, landscaping and artwork. It will be a beautiful place for Chickasaw citizens, hotel guests and local residents to enjoy while also enhancing the downtown area of Sulphur.

I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New

Year.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family.

Toby Perkins, Legislator

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Chickasaw Foundation honors donors, hosts reception and auction



Margaret Reynolds at the Friends of the Foundation reception and art auction Nov. 18 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada, Okla.

Marcy Gray

Donors and volunteers of the Chickasaw Foundation were honored at the Friends of the Foundation reception Nov. 18 in Ada.

The event took place at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center and featured a silent auction of many fine Native American works of art. Proceeds from the auction fund a fine arts scholarship, given each year to a student pursuing a career in the fine arts.

Each year, the Chickasaw Foundation recognizes individuals and groups for their contribution to the organization and events. Tracie Carter, special projects coordinator, announced this year's honorees.

The Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court received the Philanthropist of the Year award for its Judicial Scholarship. Since 2004, this scholarship has assisted several law school students with their educations. This past year, the Supreme Court graciously added to the fund to ensure their commitment and dedication to the longevity of the scholarship.

Charles and Felicia Lumley received the Volunteer of the Year award and the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities received the Volunteer Group of the Year award. The Employee Charitable Contribution Plan Donor of the Year was awarded to Dr. John Garber.

Special recognition was given to Joyce West and Janet Woodell for their work with the Chickasaw Foundation Literacy Project.

"Education is a vital part of life today," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "The Chickasaw Foundation is an entity that is investing in the future of our tribe. We give thanks to all donors and volunteers for participating in the Foundation's mission, as well as the Chickasaw Nation's mission."

This year, the Foundation granted 64 scholarships.

The Chickasaw Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in 1971 to help promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people. For more information, contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

CONTRIBUTED BY Kyle Wittman, Public Affairs

Social Security, Medicare benefit assistance available through tribal Medical Center office

Chickasaw citizens and other Native Americans seeking information or help with Social Security and Medicare benefits are encouraged to contact the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

James Ross, benefits coordinator at the medical center, is available to answer Social Security and Medicare questions, help set appointments, assist with form completion and more. Individuals can also pick up printed materials on Social Security and Medicare at his office.

Mr. Ross, who worked for the Social Security Administration from 1974 to 1985, has over 30 years experience with Social Security and Medicare.

His office is located in the Family Practice 1 Clinic on the first floor of the medical center, 1921 Stonecipher Blvd., Ada, Okla.

Individuals are not required to be Chickasaw Nation Division of Health patients to utilize Mr. Ross' services.

Mr. Ross can be reached at 1-800-851-9136, ext. 80105 or (580) 421-6216 or James.Ross@Chickasaw.net.

This month on Connections

Connections is a weekly radio program on tribal station KCNP, 89.5 FM. *Connections* covers a variety of topics and issues.

Each week, special guests discuss their areas of experience and expertise with host Brian Brashier.

Connections airs live on KCNP at 11 a.m. CST each Wednesday on 89.5 FM or streaming online at www.kcnpradio.org.

This month on Connections:

"Ask the Dentist" – December 7

We'll talk to a dentist about dental health for both kids and adults.

"Chikashshanompa' Kilanompoli' (Let's Speak Chickasaw)" – December 14

We'll have a guest from the Chickasaw Nation Language Department in the studio to discuss the available resources people can use to learn how to understand and speak Chickasaw.

"Ask the Eye Doctor" – December 21

We'll talk to an optometrist from the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center about eye care for both kids and adults.

"Starting a Small Business" – December 28

Our guest this week will be from the Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center. Discover the steps needed to start your own small business.

"Keeping Fit after the Holidays" – January 5

Keep your New Year's resolutions to eat better and exercise more! We'll get tips from a wellness pro on how to kick start healthier habits after the holidays.

Listeners are invited to call the show's toll-free line at 1-TLK-895-KCNP (1-855-895-5267) to talk to each week's guest.

Questions and comments for *Connections* guests can also

be emailed to feedback@kcnpradio.org.



Artist Anna Ruth Cole holds her original oil artwork, won by Chickasaw legislator Toby Perkins, left, during the Chickasaw Elders Thanksgiving Lunch and Bazaar in Ada.

Help from tribe's Small Business Development Center

Chickasaw couple's business meets with ongoing success



Brandy and Robert Rogers and son, Tyler, at the family's Ardmore business Pronto Print. The family worked with the Chickasaw Small Business Development Center to establish their firm. The couple is now expanding the business.

ARDMORE, Okla. - Walk into Ardmore's Pronto Print, and you'll find a thriving business. Among the hum of the print-

ing press, the ringing of the telephones and sound of copy machines, Chickasaw family Robert and Brandy Rodgers

stay busy taking orders and meeting the printing needs of Ardmore-area residents.

The couple has owned the printing business since 2009. Working with the Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center, the couple has achieved the dream of owning their own successful business.

Their story began when Robert worked at the business. One day, on a whim, Robert told the previous owner if he ever wanted to retire, he was interested in purchasing the business.

A few months later, the previous owner surprised Robert when he took him up on his offer.

Almost immediately, the couple contacted the Chickasaw Small Business Development Center. With the Center's help, the couple created a business plan and gathered financial information.

In the midst of working on

financing, the economic crisis hit the country, making securing a loan difficult.

That's when the Center staff targeted a loan program offered through another tribal nation.

"After all the trials and tribulations, it was easiest thing I have ever been through," Brandy said.

The couple then worked to become a Chickasaw Nation Preferred Vendor.

Through the Preferred Vendor Program, the Chickasaw Nation seeks to increase the business opportunities for qualified Chickasaw citizen-owned business enterprises and those of other qualified minorities.

The program recognizes and supports the entrepreneurial efforts of the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation.

"They gave us a chance," Brandy said.

Since becoming a preferred vendor, the company has continued to work on projects for the tribal Division of Commerce.

Looking to the Future

The Rodgers are in the process of renovating and remodeling a 5,000 square-foot building on Washington Street in Ardmore, to expand the business.

The renovation is expected to be complete in a few months.

The company now employs six people.

The couple also tries to give back to their community, and hopes to give hats and gloves to 300 Ardmore students this holiday season.

"One thing we do is get involved in the community and sponsoring school events," Brandy said.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

About Pronto Print

Established in 1947, Pronto Print focuses on delivering outstanding printing and sign making. The company offers paper printing, screen printing, embroidered items, signs and bumper stickers.

"Basically if it can be printed

or branded we can do it," Brandy said.

Pronto Print is located at 816 12th Street NW in Ardmore. For more information, call (580) 223-1612, or visit www.pronto-print.com.

About the Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center

The Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center provides one-to-one business counseling, economic development assistance and training to Chickasaw entrepreneurs.

The Center provides prospective and existing Chickasaw small business people and entities with counseling, training and specialized services concerning the formation, management and operation of

small businesses.

To the extent possible, the Center utilizes federal, state and local government programs in assisting small business. The Center also provides personal credit evaluation and credit repair planning.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center, call (580) 559-0774 or email CNDC.SBDC@chickasaw.net.

'Lunch and Learn' meeting for Chickasaw business people

The Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center has been delivering quality, one-to-one business counseling and economic development assistance to Chickasaw entrepreneurs for more than four years. Developed to enhance the Chickasaw entrepreneurial spirit, the Center offers free services including business plan assistance, bank relations, credit analysis and

credit counseling.

Chickasaws are invited to attend the Center's monthly "Lunch and Learn" program. "Lunch and Learn" convenes the second Wednesday of each month. At "Lunch and Learn" Chickasaw entrepreneurs gain access to expertise and resources. Each meeting features a guest speaker.

December's "Lunch and Learn" meeting is set for

Wednesday, Dec. 14 at noon. Guest speaker will be Tim Rhynes, director of economic development at the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce, will discuss budgeting.

Space is limited to 10-15 people. To reserve your seat or for more information, contact Brett Joplin at (580) 559-0620 or brett.joplin@chickasaw.net.

CONTRIBUTED BY KC Cole, Public Affairs

This month on CNTV

Chickasaw elders also traveled to the nation's capitol in November for the Annual Veterans' Trip to Washington. In addition to sightseeing opportunities, this year's trip to also gave the veterans the opportunity to tell their stories.

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find out more about upcoming performances at this landmark performance venue.

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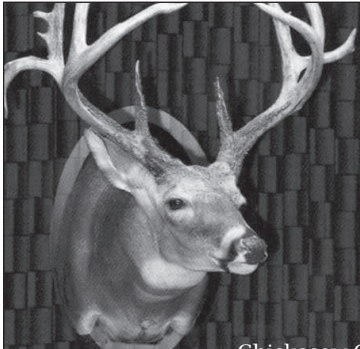
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'Chikasha Poya' at National Museum of the American Indian

Chickasaw heritage, culture celebrated in Washington



Tribal Division of History and Culture museums and historic sites director Regina Berna assists kids at the 'Chikasha Poya - We are Chickasaw' event in Washington, D.C. Mike McKee

WASHINGTON - The Chickasaw Nation celebrated its culture and heritage at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington November 3, 4 and 5. The tribe hosted "Chikasha Poya - We are Chickasaw, in conjunction with National Indian Heritage Month.

"Chikasha Poya - We Are

Chickasaw" included activities and demonstrations rich in Chickasaw history and culture. Visitors had the opportunity to learn Chickasaw traditions through demonstration booths, hands-on activities, on-site storytelling, live music, artists' booths, language lessons and much more.



Tribal Division of Communications, Media and Community Development creative director Jeannie Barbour presents a piece on the Chickasaw Horse at the 'Chikasha Poya - We are Chickasaw' event in Washington, D.C.

"We were honored to be a host to this event in celebration of Native American Heritage Month," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "We were able to share a piece of our history and culture with visitors from all around the world."

The event also included spe-

cial presentations by Chickasaw Nation historians and authors and Chickasaw musicians.

The Chickasaw Dance Troupe was a popular group as the dancers presented tribal dance.

Chickasaw citizen Paul Trotter, of Charlotte, N.C., attended

Chikasha Poya. Mr. Trotter said what he enjoyed the most were the hands-on learning opportunities.

"I enjoyed the different exhibits," Mr. Trotter said. "I could not only see the artifacts, I was able speak with the people who created them. It was very interesting."

The National Museum of the American Indian is the first national museum dedicated to the preservation, study and exhibition of the life, languages, literature, history and arts of Native Americans.

Chickasaw citizen Heather Kauffman, of Pennsylvania, was excited about the rare opportunity to share the Chickasaw history with her children.

"My great grandmother was Chickasaw," Mrs. Kauffman said. "Because we aren't able to travel to Oklahoma, it is a priority to bring our kids to the museum. It has been great learning about the Chickasaw culture with our children."

Museum officials said about 12,000 visitors attended the three-day event.

CONTRIBUTED BY Brittney Orr, Public Affairs

Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, **please contact Ms. Joy Barrick at (580) 310-6451 or joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.**

Thank you for your assistance and for supporting our troops!

Professional Openings at Medical Center

Are you a Chickasaw RN, LPN or CNA? Are you interested in employment with the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center or satellite clinics? If so, we would love to hear from you!

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Health has professional openings in the following specialties:

- Registered Nurse
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Certified Nurses Assistant

For details on any of these professional positions, please contact:

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Ground broken on new WinStar World Casino hotel tower



Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby (sixth from right) was joined by tribal legislators, officials and community members Nov. 30 to break ground on a new hotel tower at WinStar World Casino in Thackerville, Okla.

Mike McKee

THACKERVILLE, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby, along with tribal officials and community members, gathered Wednesday, Nov. 30 to break ground on a new hotel tower at WinStar World Casino.

The new, 18-story hotel tower will be located adjacent to the existing 12-story WinStar Hotel. It will offer casino resort guests an added dimension in luxurious accommodations with 500 upscale guest rooms.

"This project is a significant step toward our goal of expanding WinStar's appeal as a first-class entertainment desti-

nation," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We believe this new hotel will enhance the positive economic impact WinStar has in this area by employing more local residents and bringing more visitors to the area."

The new tower, which has not yet been named, will share a grand entrance with the existing WinStar Hotel. The two hotels will also share a new luxury pool and garden oasis with about 50,000 square feet of lush landscaping, several pools, spas and other water features.

The new hotel tower was

designed by Hnedak Bobo, the architectural firm which designed the tribe's award-winning Riverwind Casino in Norman, Okla.

Flintco, a Native American firm headquartered in Oklahoma City, will serve as general contractor on the new hotel project.

Construction is expected to be complete in the summer of 2013.

Once complete, the new hotel tower is expected to employ an additional 150 people.

This latest project comes on the heels of the construction



Artist's rendering of WinStar Hotel Tower.

of a new 1,400-space parking lot and a 54,000-square-foot expansion of WinStar World, which will include more games, two new restaurants and a multi-purpose room on the north end of the facility.

The new exterior of the expansion project will feature an elaborate porte-cochère covered entryway and a metal replica of the 1960 World's Fair Globe.

The project, as a whole, is designed to create a "grand" aesthetic that includes details reminiscent of turn-of-the-century transportation and port-of-call facilities in the golden age of travel.

The gaming expansion and the new entryway are expected to be completed in the spring of 2012.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

About WinStar World Casino

The world's third largest casino, WinStar World Casino offers more than 6,500 electronic games, 76 blackjack and poker tables, a 3,000-seat Global Events Center and a 395-room hotel. Located just north of the Oklahoma/Texas border along Interstate 35, WinStar World Casino presents 24/7 gaming action, world-class entertain-

ers and a wide range of restaurants. WinStar World Casino is an economic enterprise of the Chickasaw Nation.

For more information visit our website www.winstar-worldcasino.com or follow on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/WinStarWorldCasino> on Twitter <http://twitter.com/#!/WinStarWorld>.

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U.S. Mint's 'Chickasaw quarter' debuts at Chickasaw park



SULPHUR, Okla. – A U.S. quarter coin honoring the Chickasaw National Recreation Area was unveiled last month in a ceremony conducted in the century-old Flower Park.

More than 800 people, including the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe, tribal citizens, students and local residents participated in what was described as a “once in a lifetime” event.

The Chickasaw National Recreation Area quarter is the 10th coin in the U.S. Mint's series “America the Beautiful Quarters Program.”

“The Chickasaw people have had a historic connection with the springs and streams of the park for many years,” Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. “It is exciting and humbling that this area was selected to be featured on the Oklahoma quarter. This is a special occasion for all Chickasaws, for the state of Oklahoma and the United States of America.”

Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham,

administrator of the tribal Division of History and Culture, said the Chickasaw people had a close connection to the land and the park.

“The land that makes up this recreational area has always held great meaning for the Chickasaw people,” said Dr. Cobb-Greetham. “The release of this quarter reiterates the work of our ancestors to protect and recognize the beauty of this land.”

Chickasaw people came to the “peaceful valley of rippling waters” in the late 1830s during their Removal to Indian Territory.

After settling in their new home, Chickasaw leaders found the area culturally significant, and a place where they could continue tribal ceremonies and rituals.

When development later threatened the springs and streams, Chickasaw people joined with their pioneer neighbors to protect and preserve the precious resource for

future generations.

The Atoka Agreement among the federal government and the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations ceded 629.33 acres of land to the federal government with the understanding the land and the water would remain under the control of the U.S. government and be protected for future generations.

That agreement set the stage for the establishment of Sulphur Springs Reservation on Nov. 19, 1902. The park was later renamed Platt National Park, and in 1976 it became the Chickasaw Nation Recreation Area, in honor of the tribe which had sought the springs' protection.

Lincoln Bridge, built in 1909, is featured on the reverse side of the Chickasaw National Recreation Area quarter. Built of limestone to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the iconic bridge spans Travertine Creek.

During November's coin unveiling ceremony, representatives of the U.S. Mint, the U.S. National Park Service and Oklahoma State Rep. Wes Hilliard (D-Sulphur) spoke.

The Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe demonstrated the Friendship Dance. At the end of the program, the 400 students in attendance received news Chickasaw quarter to commemorate the event.

To learn more about Chickasaw National Recreation Area, visit www.nps.gov/chic.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.



The Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe demonstrates a Friendship Dance during the unveiling of the Chickasaw National Recreation Area Quarter. Viewing the dance from the stage, from left, is B.B. Craig, United States Mint associate director of sales and marketing, Bruce Noble, CNRA superintendent, and Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, tribal administrator, Division of History and Culture. More than 800 people attended the historic event.

About the America the Beautiful Quarters Program

The Chickasaw National Recreation Area Quarter is the 10th coin in the U.S. Mint's America the Beautiful Quarters Program, a 12-year initiative to honor national parks and other national sites.

Other coins in the America the Beautiful Quarter program depicting sites including Hot Springs National Park in Arkansas, Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, Yosemite National Park in California, Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona, Mount Hood National Forest in Oregon, Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania, Glacier National Park

in Montana, Olympic National Park in Washington, and Vicksburg National Military Park in Mississippi.

In all, the America the Beautiful series will produce 56 quarters, one for every state and for the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands.

The last coin is to be minted in 2021.

The quarters are being minted in order of establishment. The Chickasaw National Recreation Area was established in 1902.

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Getting the word out on healthy eating

Chickasaws ensure tribe well-represented at 'Executive Chef' event



Tribal Food and Nutrition Services employees Wes Williams and Mae Blankenship.

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center recently joined in a cooking event highlighting the relative ease and low cost of preparing healthier meals.

Conducted jointly by the American Heart Association and Mercy Health System Oklahoma, the "Executive Chef Chopped" event was Nov. 2 in celebration of the National Eat-

ing Healthy Day.

Tribal Food and Nutrition Services employees Wes Williams and Mae Blankenship represented the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. Other participating area hospitals and health care organizations included Integris, St. Anthony's, Norman Regional and many more.

The Chickasaw Nation Medi-

cal Center was the lone Native American group in the event.

An audience of approximately 100 watched as participants prepared healthy appetizers and main dishes.

"The event was for fun and to get the word out about eating healthy," Mrs. Blankenship said.

"As a food service professional in the health care industry, we are promoting healthier lifestyle to those we serve."

Mrs. Blankenship, a Chickasaw, has been working at the medical center café for over a year. She has 13 years of experience in the restaurant business.

She said she enjoyed working at the medical center because it allowed her to be "creative and come up with healthy dishes."

Mr. Williams, production supervisor at the café, said the Nutrition Services Department worked to provide healthier choices to patients and visitors.

"With the risks of heart disease and diabetes being so

high, we really want to educate people on food," he said.

Mr. Williams, a Chickasaw, has been working at the medical center and, previously, Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, for three years and has seven years experience in the restaurant business. He recently completed a six-month dietary management certification.

The Food and Nutrition Ser-

vices Department provides healthy meals and snacks for patients, their families and employees. Registered dietitians are available to provide inpatient and outpatient education to patients and employees served through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health.

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Tribal commerce keeps up strong trend with first-month results

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and Lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, pre-

scription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending October 31, 2011

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$10.7 million for the month and year-to-date. Expenditures were \$4.7 million for the month and year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for October totaled \$86.0 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$21.8 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$11.5 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At October 31, 2011, the tribal government funds had \$156.0 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$19.2 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal

program funds.

The businesses had \$206.3 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of October 31, 2011, tribal op-

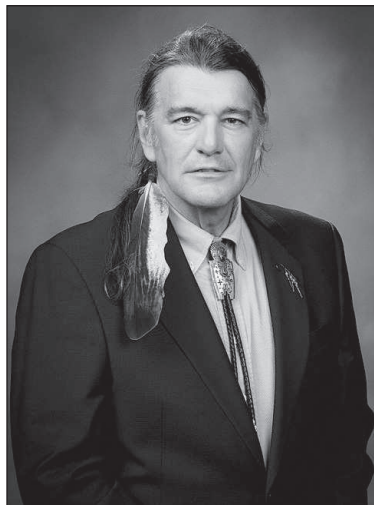
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the One Month Ended October 31, 2011

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	464,859	86,007,783	86,472,641
Total funds available	10,316,064	(10,316,064)	-
	10,780,923	75,691,718	86,472,641
Expenditures			
General government	519,677		519,677
Legislature	106,106		106,106
Judiciary	35,522		35,522
Education	656,763		656,763
Heritage Preservation	510,837		510,837
Health	1,026,956		1,026,956
Youth and Family Services	664,258		664,258
Nutrition Programs	237,445		237,445
Regulatory	482,320		482,320
Assistance Programs	479,808		479,808
Gaming expense		47,400,373	47,400,373
Other businesses' expense		16,725,587	16,725,587
Total expenditures	4,719,689	64,125,960	68,845,649
Increase in net assets	6,061,234	11,565,758	17,626,993
Beginning net assets	595,919,975	680,428,193	1,276,348,168
Ending net assets	601,981,209	691,993,951	1,293,975,161

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets October 31, 2011

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	156,065,826	206,330,588	362,396,413
Receivables	38,136,418	55,611,572	93,747,989
Inventory	243,829	5,198,924	5,442,753
Prepaid expenses		16,650,715	16,650,715
Other Assets		9,333,635	9,333,635
Fixed assets	408,081,520	544,065,661	952,147,181
Less payables	(546,383)	(145,197,143)	(145,743,526)
Net Assets	601,981,209	691,993,951	1,293,975,161

Chickasaw attorney delivers keynote to Indian gaming leaders



Jess Green

A prominent Chickasaw attorney recently delivered an address to the National Indian Gaming Association.

Jess Green was the featured speaker at the 13th John Kiefer Award Banquet. Mr. Green spoke to 300 Indian gaming leaders regarding the need to be relentless in the defense of sovereignty. The need to protect Indian governments and Indian gaming was, Mr. Green said, of vital importance.

The National Indian Gaming Association is comprised of Indian government gaming members from across the U.S.

More than 260 Indian governments generate over \$26 billion annually in Indian government gaming revenue.

Since 2004, Mr. Green has been involved with the National Indian Gaming Commission, a federal oversight commission for Indian gaming. He has assisted in developing regulations to fairly establish minimum standards for Indian government gaming operations.

Mr. Green has participated in the defense and growth of Indian gaming since the 1980s. He argued successfully before the Tenth Circuit federal court in

Denver several landmark "electronic bingo" cases. These cases, Mr. Green said, were based upon the support and involvement of Indian government leaders such as Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, who played a major role in the fight to provide Indian governments with gaming success.

Mr. Green is a member of the Chickasaw Hall of Fame. He has been a state court judge, chairman of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, and has served in leadership roles in many aspects of government for Indian nations and tribes

across the U.S.

Mr. Green's mother, Mary Jo Green, has served on the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature since 1999. His great-great-grandfather was a Chickasaw elected official in 1868 and 1873.

The Oklahoma Supreme Court has honored Mr. Green for his scholarship by selecting him to be the panel organizer and moderator for the Indian Gaming Panel at the Annual Oklahoma Supreme Court Sovereignty Symposium.

Frank Johnson, Sr. honored for athletic accomplishments



Frank Johnson, Sr.

PURCELL, Okla. - A Chickasaw man with a unique and record-filled athletic past was recently inducted into his hometown high school's Hall of Fame.

Frank Johnson, Sr., ran on the state record 880-Yard Relay team at Purcell High School in 1958. Mr. Johnson and his fellow relay team members were inducted into the Purcell High School Hall of Fame in October.

The team of Mr. Johnson,

Merle Clark, Joe "Red" Hankins and Orval McGehee are recognized as the greatest relay team in Purcell High School history. At the 1958 Class B Oklahoma state track meet, the team set a state record in the 880-yard relay with a time of 1:29.4. That time still stands as one of the fastest in state history.

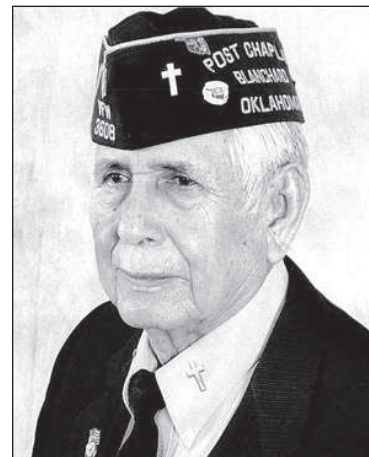
Following his graduation from Purcell High School, Mr. Johnson ran track and played

football at Murray State College in Tishomingo, Okla. He was named a junior college All-American for his play at tight end for Murray State.

Mr. Johnson, who now lives in Kingston, Okla., is executive director of the Chickasaw Trib-

al Utility Authority. Mr. Johnson has two children, Frank Johnson, Jr., an administrative officer with the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce; and Lisa J. Billy, and Oklahoma State Representative from Purcell.

Chickasaw WWII veteran serves as grand marshal



Nathaniel Thomas (2010)



Nathaniel Thomas (1945)

A Chickasaw WWII veteran was recently selected to serve as grand marshal of a local Veterans Day parade.

Nathaniel Thomas, of Blanchard, Okla., served as grand marshal of the Blanchard Veterans Day Parade and Chili Cookoff on Saturday, Nov. 12.

Mr. Thomas enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942 at the age of 17. He served in the Admiralty Islands and the Philippines during the war, and was honorably discharged in 1946.

Mr. Thomas has served as

pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle at Canadian, Okla., and the Full Gospel Tabernacle at Blanchard. He has been active in the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars as a chaplain. He has also served as a volunteer chaplain at the Oklahoma City Veterans Hospital and the Veterans Center in Norman, Okla.

Mr. Thomas and Lo Eva Robert were married in 1947. The couple raised four children.

He is very proud of his Chickasaw heritage.

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Chickasaw musicians to perform at New York's Carnegie Hall in February



Amber McClendon



Dakota Solis

Two Chickasaw music students have been selected to represent the finest high school performers in North American at Carnegie Hall, in New York next month.

Vocalist Amber McClendon, of Ada, Okla., and string bassist Dakota Solis, of Mustang, Okla., are both eagerly anticipating their performances in the American High School Honors Performance Series Feb. 12 at Carnegie Hall.

Miss McClendon, a choir student at Ada High School, was selected to perform in the Alto

1 section. Mr. McClendon will perform string bass in the honors orchestra.

"I love singing and performing in general," Miss McClendon said. "I've never been to New York, and that's on my bucket list."

She said her great-grandmother initially sparked her interest in vocal music. She first became involved in honor choir at Washington Grade Center in Ada. Her favorite musician is Adele. She listens to most genres of music, but has an affinity for Broadway musicals.

Mr. Solis was pleasantly surprised when he received his acceptance letter to the program.

"It is a big honor," he said. "So many talented students auditioned. Participating in this program is a really big goal I set this year."

Mr. Solis, 16, is a junior at NW Classen High School in Oklahoma City. He has been playing the string bass for about seven years.

A rendition of "Jaws" first piqued his interest in the string bass. Now, he enjoys sharing the range of music created by the string bass.

While in New York, the students will rehearse and perform with master conductors. They will also perform before invited representatives from collegiate and professional music programs.

Though much of their time will be focused on performance preparation, Miss McClendon and Mr. Solis will also experience the sights and performance arts in New York City.

Miss McClendon hopes to continue performing vocal music as a career or become a

vocal music teacher.

"My main goal is to perform on Broadway," she said.

Mr. Solis has not narrowed his college choice, but knows one thing: "I want to major in performing arts and further my music career."

Miss McClendon is the daughter of Kelley and Traci Gold, of Ada, and the granddaughter of Frank and Patricia Shultz. She is the great-grand-

daughter of Pauline Green and the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Isaac Underwood.

Mr. Solis' parents are Linda Tiger-Solis, of Mustang, and Timothy Solis, of Oklahoma City. His grandparents are Norma and Tony Solis, Oklahoma City, and the late Mable and Edmond Tiger Sr.

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About American High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall

The American High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall was established to showcase some of the most talented student performers in high school today.

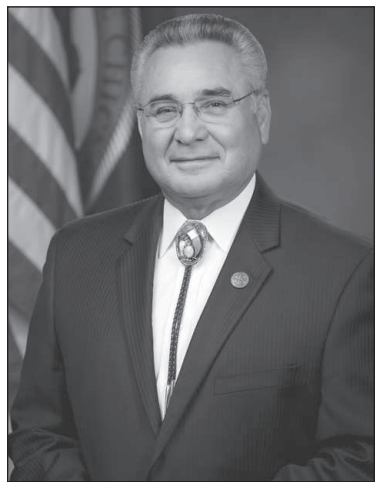
Through an individual nomination and selection process, accomplished students are brought together in New York City with peers to comprise the Honors Choir and Honors

Instrumental Ensembles. Several days of rehearsal under the direction of our renowned music conductors, culminate in a life-changing performance at Carnegie Hall.

Carnegie Hall represents excellence in musical performance, making it the perfect venue for the Honors Performance Series to showcase its student performers.

At 68th NCAI meeting

Lt. Gov. Keel re-elected to presidency of National Congress of American Indians



Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel

PORTLAND, Ore. - Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel was re-elected to the presidency of the National Congress of American Indians during the NCAI annual meeting here.

NCAI delegates re-elected Lt. Gov. Keel during the 68th annual convention in November. Lt. Gov. Keel will now serve another two-year term as NCAI

president.

The NCAI was founded in 1944. It is the largest, oldest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native group in the country.

The organization advocates for strong tribal sovereignty and effective government-to-government relations between tribal governments and the federal government.

The NCAI helps protect the integrity and the environment of tribal lands, protect and enrich the lives of Native women, and builds strong economic development programs in Indian Country.

In addition to Lt. Gov. Keel, elected officials include first vice president Juana Majel Dixon, Pauma Band of Mission Indians; recording secretary Edward Thomas, Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska; and treasurer W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

Welcome to the Chickasaw Cultural Center!



Chickasaw Cultural Center manager Valorie Walters greets hundreds of Native American students from across Oklahoma to the Cultural Center. The students gathered Nov. 9 to celebrate Youth Heritage Day. The day was spent celebrating and sharing Native American culture. Students also enjoyed the Chickasaw movie "Pearl." Lessons on Chickasaw language, culture and traditional stories were also a part of the program. A total of 235 students from Ardmore, Lindsay, Terrel, Roff and Ravia, Oklahoma, schools attended the event.

BIRTHDAYS



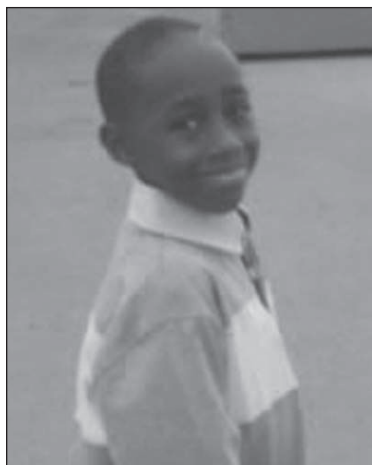
Kimora Barber

Kimora Barber will turn six years old December 1, 2011.

Kimora enjoys being a princess, playing with her brother and she loves to draw and rap. She is interested in becoming a doctor when she gets older.

She is the daughter of Tyson and Jermaine Barber, of Arlington, Texas.

She is the granddaughter of Shirley Kelly, of Midland, Texas, and the great-granddaughter of the late Mary Etta Kelly, a Chickasaw/Choctaw.



MaJavion Washington

MaJavion Washington will turn eight years old December 14, 2011.

He enjoys playing basketball, riding his bike and harassing his sister. He also enjoys playing with his little cousin DaRayvion. MaJavion attends Pease Magnet School, Midland, Texas.

He is the son of Mary Johnson, of Midland.

MaJavion is the grandson of Shirley Kelly, of Midland and the great-grandson of the late Mary Etta Kelly, a Chickasaw/Choctaw.

We wish you a Happy Birthday Jay!

We love you,

Aunt Tyson, Uncle Jermaine and DaRayvion



Kayla Mackenzie Hubbell

Kayla Mackenzie Hubbell turned eight years old November 25, 2011.

Kayla attends the second grade at Waynewood Elementary School.

She is the daughter of John and Nancy Hubbell, of Alexandria, Va. She has two brothers, Jack and Nick.

She is the granddaughter of Marleis Hubbell, the great-granddaughter of Herschell Davis and the great-great-granddaughter of Lizzy Saffron.



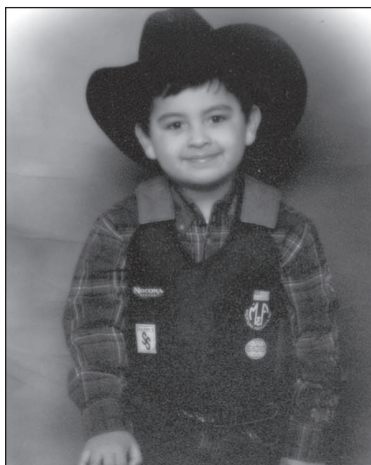
JaNashia Washington

JaNashia Washington celebrated her ninth birthday November 25, 2011.

She loves cheerleading, riding her bike and harassing her little brother. She is a big fan of Justin Bieber. She attends Pease Magnet School, Midland, Texas.

JaNashia is the daughter of Mary Johnson, of Midland.

She is the granddaughter of Shirley Kelly, of Midland and the great-granddaughter of the late Mary Etta Kelly, a Chickasaw/Choctaw.



James Henry Sotello

James Henry Sotello turned six years old October 28, 2011.

He is handsome, charming and a wonderful young man who is talented and has a variety of interests. He likes books and speaks eagerly about dinosaurs, zoo animals, transformers and rodeo, especially bull riding. He is involved in karate, gymnastics, drama class and attended a horse riding camp.

He attends kindergarten at Moore (OK) Public Schools and has been selected "Student of the Week" and "Student of the Month". He regularly attends Sunday school and is kind and caring to all. He wants to be a zookeeper when he grows up.

Proud parents are Patrick and Natasha Freeman Sotello.

His loving great-aunt, Gwendolyn Jones, teaches him to appreciate his Chickasaw heritage as her grandparents did her. They were original enrollees, Oliver and Betsey Hawkins Neal.

BIRTHS



Christiana Elyse Mia Apodaca

Christiana Elyse Mia Apodaca was born September 13, 2011 at 7:47 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz, and measured 20 inches at birth.

Proud parents are Gary Apodaca and Mary Hartley-Apodaca.

Christiana is the little sister of Lauren and Hailie.

She is the granddaughter of Linda and Robert Hartley, Martha and Gary Apodaca, Sr.

She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Josephine Brown Graham.

Chickasaw ballplayer Kady Self signs letter of intent to play for University of Oklahoma



Kady Self

A Chickasaw ballplayer has recently signed a letter of intent with a Big 12 university.

Kady Self, a senior at Edmond (OK) North High School, has signed to play college softball with the University of Oklahoma.

Kady has had an outstanding career at Edmond North, setting leading batting averages in her freshman, sophomore and junior seasons. She ended her

junior year with a .536 batting average. She is a center fielder.

Kady was named to the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Athletic Association All-State team.

During her freshman year, Kady was named All-Conference Newcomer of the Year and 1st Team All-Edmond. During her sophomore year she was named 1st Team All-Conference and 1st Team All-Edmond, and 2nd Team All-Big City. Her junior year she was All-Conference Player of the Year, All-Edmond Player of the Year and 1st Team All-Big City.

During summers, Kady has played competitive softball for Oklahoma Force 94.

Due to an injury she suffered during a July tournament, Kady will not be playing her senior year.

Kady is the granddaughter of Joe and Cheryl Lenoan.

Her mother's name is Jill Miles and her stepfather is Gene Miles.

Katherine Elizondo graduates A&M-Commerce



Katherine Beshirs Elizondo with parents, Rev. R.A. and Katherine Beshirs

A prospective law school student will graduate this month from a Texas university.

Katherine Jenice Beshirs Elizondo will graduate from Texas A&M University-Commerce. Mrs. Elizondo has maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout her college career and will graduate with honors.

She majored in criminal justice with a minor in sociology, and has been a regular on the President's List and Dean's List.

Mrs. Elizondo postponed her education to raise her four children, Michael, Neanda, Adell and Marrandy. She and her husband, Walter Elizondo,

have both been working jobs and raising a family while attending college.

Mrs. Elizondo is also an ordained minister in the Full Gospel Church, enjoys piano, guitar, singing, poetry and is a composer of religious songs.

She is very proud to be a Chickasaw citizen. Mrs. Elizondo plans to enter law school in the fall of 2012.

She is the eldest daughter of Rev. R.A. and Katherine Beshirs, of Colbert, Okla. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Chickasaw original enrollee Aaron Cub Beshirs.

Trail of Tears Memorial Walk in Wichita



A group from the Wichita (KS) Chickasaw Community Council participated in the 11th Annual Trail of Tears Memorial Walk from the Indian Methodist Church to Mid-America All-Indian Center on Nov. 5 in Wichita. After the walk, there were health education stations from the Hunter Health Clinic and craft vendors on hand for people to use and enjoy. Holding the flag from left, Kent Rowe, Tony Hugaboom and Haley Rowe. Back from left, Carey Landwehr, Kim Caliendo, Irma Albrecht, Kasey Caliendo, Kay Darling, Rani Rivas, Chuck Rivas, Kent Corkum and Tonya Kowalski.

The Walk



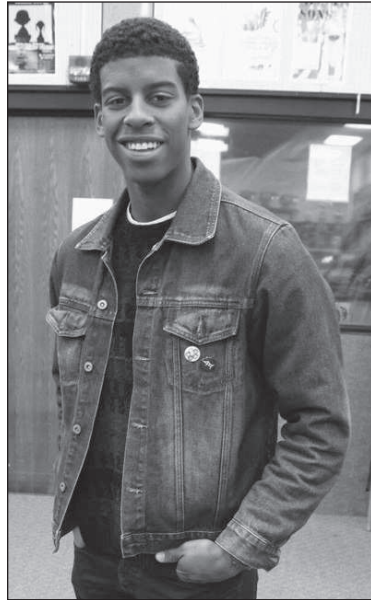
Mary Jane Smith, center, Stan Smith and Joann Ellis, along with other Chickasaw citizens sing "Amazing Grace" at the conclusion of "The Walk" recently during the Oka kapassa Festival in the homelands area, now Tuscumbia, Alabama.

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Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win \$100.

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After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in the *Chickasaw Times*.



Brent White

Chickasaw student tabbed for Youth Council program

OKLAHOMA CITY – A Chickasaw high school senior has been chosen to participate in a unique education program.

Brent White, a senior at Putnam City (OK) North High School, was selected to represent Ward 1 in the Youth Council of Oklahoma City.

The students selected representatives will be participating in a number of events throughout Oklahoma City and will be reporting their experiences on Oklahoma television local channel 20.

"It's a fun, exciting and educational program," Brent said. "I'm introduced to so many things most people never see, and it increases your love of Oklahoma."

Brent is the son of Cassandra Brown-White, of Oklahoma City.

Eight-pointer donated



Chickasaw Nathan Russell, 11, recently shot an eight-point buck with a compound bow. Nathan attends the fifth grade at Davis, Okla. He donated his deer to the local locker to feed the hungry. Nathan is the son of Nathan and Amy Russell, of Davis and the grandson of Jerry and Pat Woods, of Sulphur.

First buck



Chickasaw Tyler Walker, 11, recently shot his first buck. He shot the six-point buck with a .30/.30 rifle at Kullihoma. Tyler is the son of Bailey Walker, the grandson of Ruby Long and the great-grandson of the late Adam C. Walker.



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Lisa J. Billy nominated for Journal Record's 'Woman of the Year' honor



Rep. Lisa J. Billy

OKLAHOMA CITY – A Chickasaw woman has recently been nominated for a daily newspaper's "Woman of the Year" award.

Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa J. Billy is a nominee for *the Journal Record's* "Woman of the Year" award. Fifty women are nominated for the award annually.

The Journal Record is a daily business and legal newspaper in Oklahoma City. Established in 1937, the newspaper has bureaus at the Oklahoma State

Capitol and in Tulsa.

Rep. Billy is a former Chickasaw tribal legislator, and currently represents House District 42 in the Oklahoma Legislature. She is the first woman, first Indian and first Republican to hold the seat.

She serves as Assistant Majority Floor Leader in the Oklahoma House and serves as chair of the House Appropriations and Budget Subcommittee on Public Safety.

Rep. Billy helped found the first Oklahoma Native American Caucus in the Oklahoma Legislature and has worked to build bridges between tribal governments and state government.

She holds a bachelor's degree from Northeastern (OK) State University, and a master's degree from the University of Oklahoma.

Rep. Billy served on the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature from 1996 to 2001. In 2007, she was recognized as the Chickasaw Nation's "Dynamic Woman of the Year." In 2009, she was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

Rep. Billy and her husband, Phillip, live in Purcell. The couple has three children, Masheli, Nahinli and Anoli.



Spc. Leighton Hammond

Chickasaw soldier back in NC following deployment

A Chickasaw soldier has recently returned from deployment in Iraq and is now stationed in North Carolina.

U.S. Army Spc. Leighton Edward Hammond is stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. He is a paratrooper and has made over 15 jumps.

During his service in Iraq, Spc. Hammond received a JSAM award and a HSCEOT award.

Spc. Hammond is proud to serve his country, and is proud to be a Chickasaw. He would like to receive a handmade item from a fellow Chickasaw.

If you would like to send an item to this soldier, please mail to: Spc. Leighton Hammond, c/o The Chickasaw Times, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

Spc. Hammond and his wife, Samantha Lynn, live on base with their children, Ava, age 2, and five-month-old Liam.

Chickasaw student excelling at OCU



Kori Wiegmann with Gov. Anoatubby at the Warrior sculpture dedication.

OKLAHOMA CITY - A Chickasaw college freshman recently participated in the dedication of a Chickasaw Warrior sculpture at her school.

Kori Wren Wiegmann is a freshman at Oklahoma City University. In August, Miss Wiegmann signed the Lord's Prayer during the warrior sculpture ceremony on campus.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby presented the sculpture to OCU. The Chickasaw Warrior is now a well-recognized piece of art that depicts a pre-Removal warrior. The sculpture was created by Seminole artist Kelly Haney.

Miss Wiegmann is a top student. During her high school years at Norman (OK) North High School, she was a member of the National Honor Society, Oklahoma American Indian Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society and Future Farmers of America. She served as an officer in her high school Native American Club and Health Occupation Students of America chapter.

Miss Wiegmann attended Chickasaw Entrepreneurs Camp for three consecutive years. She is a member of Mary Lee Clark United Methodist Church and previously served as a youth leader and Vacation Bible School assistant at Alameda Baptist Church.

A recipient of the American Indian Scholar Scholarship, Miss Wiegmann also received the Wordworth Oklahoma Indian Methodist Church schol-

arship plus an award from the Chickasaw Nation.

Miss Weigmann is pursuing majors in biology and business administration at OCU.

She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority at OCU and Tri Beta biology national honor society.

Miss Weigmann is the daughter of John and Shaun Wiegmann, of Norman, and the granddaughter of Jerry and Phillis McCarty, of Jesse, Okla., and Ann Wiegmann, of Virginia.

Her great-grandparents are the late Homer and Rachel McCarty.

Chickasaw woman honored by American Cancer Society



Mary Ruth Barnes

Society.

Mary Ruth Barnes, of Ada, Okla., was presented the "Rookie of the Year" award from the Society's Planned Giving Business Unit during the Unit's October conference in Atlanta.

"Rookie of the Year" award-ees must have no more than three years experience with the Society, must meet all merit goals, and must have the ability "to hit the ground running."

The recipient must also be willing to embrace new ideas and initiatives in order to build new gifts to the Society.

"It is an honor to receive this award and I am excited to be part of this organization," Mrs. Barnes said. "It's great to bring our Society's donors together with our mission. These im-

portant donations fight back against cancer."

Mrs. Barnes joined the American Cancer Society in 2009. She serves as director of estate and asset services for the Society in Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska.

Mrs. Barnes holds a bachelor's degree from North Carolina State University and a master's degree from Montana State University. She is a watercolor artist whose work in displayed at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

Mrs. Barnes is active in her tribe, Ada Area Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, and Ada's Business and Professional Women.

Amya Frizell 'Outstanding Student' at Hayes School



Amya Frizell was recently selected as an Outstanding Student in Mrs. Cox's second grade at Hayes Elementary, Ada, Okla. Amya is the daughter of Lauren Frizell and Douglas Osborne and the granddaughter of James Frizell and Camille Frizell.

Ingram sisters big in Blanchard title



Sha Ingram



Alyx Ingram

BLANCHARD, Okla. – Chickasaw sisters Alyx and Sha Ingram were big contributors to this year's Class 4A girls' fast pitch softball state championship team, the Blanchard Lady Lions.

The Lady Lions completed a 32-2 season record and defeated the rival Tuttle Lady Tigers in the state championship game 3-2.

Throughout the state tournament, the Lady Lions were prolific on offense and stingy on defense. In the playoffs, Blanchard defeated Ada 10-0; Tecumseh 7-1; Bethany 11-0; and Oologah 4-0, followed by

the 5-0 championship.

Alyx is a senior and starts in left field. Sha is a freshman and starts in center field.

Alyx was a catalyst all year long and brought in the crucial first Blanchard run in the championship game. The Lady Lions were down 2-0 in the fourth inning, and Alyx fought off 15 pitches before bringing home the first run with a base on balls. This marked Alyx's second state championship with the Lady Lions.

Sha is an outstanding fielder

who made several crucial outs with diving catches when the Lady Lions needed them most. Sha's amazing catches have been featured on page one of the sports section of *the Daily Oklahoman*, as well as on local television news.

Both girls love to play softball. When not playing on the school team, the girls play competitive travel softball. Sha plays for the Game Times Stars 97 and Alyx plays for the Oklahoma Jitterbugs Gold.

Alyx and Sha are the daughters of Darrin and Alisa Ingram, of Blanchard. Their grandparents are James and Phyllis Ingram, of Enville, Okla., and Mary Bank and Randy Attocknie, of Oklahoma City; and the late Patricia Attocknie.

Great-grandmothers are Lena Farve, of Enville, and Rosalie Attocknie, of Apache, Okla.

The girls are descendants of original enrollee and Chickasaw Hall of Fame member James Cotton McCurtain. They are also of Ohkay Owingeh (formerly San Juan Pueblo) and Comanche descent, and are descendants of Great Chief Ten Bears.

Chickasaw Cultural Center Christmas Celebration Dec. 10

Santa Claus and Christmas cheer can be found at the Chickasaw Cultural Center Christmas Celebration, Sulphur, set Sat., Dec. 10.

The second annual event will include celebrations of several significant holiday traditions.

Luminaries will glow in the Traditional Village as tours, served with hot chocolate, will be offered from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Anoli Theater Lobby.

Come decorate a miniature ornament while the children have fun at the Christmas tree workshop.

The Chickasaw Press will conduct a holiday sale on many book titles and holiday sales on retail shops merchandise will

be offered all day.

A Stomp Dance demonstration will be conducted at 11 a.m. in the Traditional Village and Christmas movies *"The Grinch Who Stole Christmas"* and *"Elf"* will be shown in the Anoli Theater.

A Christmas Concert by *"Injunuity"* is also planned.

For more information about any of the upcoming events, contact the Chickasaw Cultural Center at 580-622-7130, or online at www.chickasawcultural-center.com.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Drive in Sulphur, Okla. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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tion emphasis, airline and airport operations, airport management, meteorology, aviation technology management or any other related field as approved by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees) at a college, university, or recognized private aviation school.

The David & Carolyn Nimmo Business Graduate Scholarship is for a Chickasaw, graduate student with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and pursuing an MBA at any accredited college or university.

All scholarship applications must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline – January 14, 2012 to be considered for funding.

Funding for the scholarships will begin with the spring 2012 semester and is dependent upon the availability of funding.

Please contact the Chickasaw Foundation for additional information or an application at (580) 421-9030 or chickasawfoundation@chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound A.C.T. Prep Workshop



Left to Right: Misty Hurley and Lacey Whitsett at the A.C.T. Prep Workshop.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Math & Science programs participated in an A.C.T. Prep Workshop at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma on October 29.

The A.C.T. test is a college entry exam accepted by all 4-year colleges and universities in the United States. Leading the workshop was Ms. Kerri Matheny from East Central University's Educational Opportunity Center.

Throughout the morning, students learned a number of strategies and A.C.T. test-taking tips along with the opportunity to take a practice exam. Following the workshop, students enjoyed a pizza buffet and activities provided at the Lazer Zone Family Fun Center.

Employee Charitable Contribution Plan

The Chickasaw Foundation is greatly appreciative to employees who elected to donate to the Foundation through the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan (ECCP). In January 2012 we will mail receipts to ECCP participants who contributed over \$250 to the Foundation during 2011. We will also issue receipts for those who contributed other amounts upon request. You may contact our office by calling (580) 421-9030 or by e-mail at chickasawfoundation@chickasaw.net.

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From left, Andrea and Alexis Sanders at Lazer Zone Family Fun Center.



From left, Ryan Coleman, Laura Putman, Sarah Ward, Kristen Walker, Mickayla Davis and Maranda Clymer.

Upward Bound students identify species during BioBlitz! Oklahoma 2011

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Math & Science students recently participated in the Oklahoma Biological Survey's BioBlitz! 2011 on October 15 at the Chickasaw Nation Recreation Area in Sulphur, Okla.

From the aquatic mammals in Lake Arbuckle to the wide variety of plant life in the area, students were lead by expert

scientists in their respective fields as they worked to classify as many living things as they could in a 24-hour period in the park. Students attended a number of demonstrations put on by the local experts. With record-breaking attendance, the participants were able to identify 877 living species in the park by the end of the event.

Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month

Ms. Laura Putman, a senior at Springer (OK) High school, has been selected Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month for October 2011.



Laura Putman

Laura has been an active participant in the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Math/Science program for over two years and a member of the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Council.

Laura is a member of her high school basketball team, choir, student council, academic team and Future Farmers of America (FFA). She has served

as an officer for FFA, her favorite organization, since her freshman year.

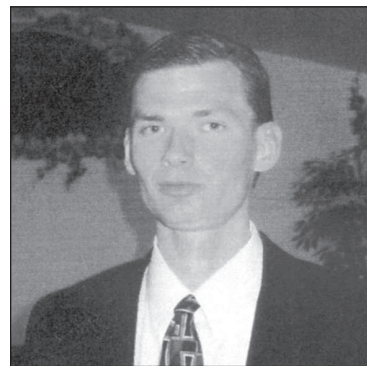
She has also been active with the land judging team and career development event competitions winning numerous trophies and awards.

Laura loves to volunteer for a variety of projects from community clean-ups to beautification projects and considers volunteering her biggest hobby.

She enjoys attending cultural events for the Chickasaw Nation and meeting new friends through the program.

Her future goals are to attend college and become a bio-systems engineer.

Chickasaw author publishes second volume, short story



Calvin W. Allison

Chickasaw citizen Calvin W. Allison, of Allen, Okla., has recently published his second book.

"Joan," a short story about love, tragedy and redemption, along with Mr. Allison's first book "A Sunset Rising," are

now available.

"A Sunset Rising" is a compilation of 51 original Christian poems and also contains Mr. Allison's testimony.

A prolific poet for more than 18 years, Mr. Allison's previous works reflected on his painful adolescent experiences.

An inspirational event, he said, changed the style and scope of writing.

Both books are available at AuthorHouse.com, Barnes and Noble.com and many other on-line sites.

"A Sunset Rising" is available at the Good Book Store in the Ada and can be ordered by contacting Mr. Allison at (580) 235-0164 or cwam1@localnet.com.

Robotics kids enjoy discovery



Jason Steidley and Kelly Cooke at the annual FIRST LEGO League qualifying tournament.

The Chickasaw Nation FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) LEGO teams participated in the annual FIRST LEGO League qualifying tournament November 12, at the Pontotoc Technology Center in Ada, Okla.

Three Chickasaw Nation LEGO teams learned how robots could play a role in getting food to the kitchen table

during the recent competition. These teams included the Cybernuts and Blockheads of Ada, as well as the newly formed Mechanical Masterminds of Ardmore, Okla. The Cybernuts and Blockheads both won seats at the state tournament, December 17 in Edmond, Okla.

While at the competition, Cybernuts placed second in

presentation. Blockheads received a third place award for research and the Mechanical Masterminds placed third in teamwork.

The Chickasaw Nation student teams, guided by mentors, demonstrate problem-solving skills, creative thinking, teamwork, competitive play, sportsmanship and a sense of community. The teams consist of approximately 10 children between the ages of nine and 14.

The Chickasaw Nation Science, Technology and Math Academy coordinate the robotic and technical aspects of the LEGO competitions. The teachers and advisers work hand-in-hand with the teams as they devise solutions to challenges presented to them.

For more information about FIRST and the LEGO teams, contact Oscar Gore, STM academy manager, at (580) 272-5579 or Oscar.gore@chickasaw.net.

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Departments throughout tribe assist Chickasaw kids with math, science, engineering robotics projects

As students of the FIRST LEGO League prepared for this year's competition, departments throughout the Chickasaw Nation responded with assistance.

"While working with our LEGO teams with research, it became apparent that we would need some outside assistance," said math and science teacher Beth Alcorn-Benton of the Chickasaw Nation. "As a result, we reached out to several divisions within the Chickasaw Nation."

This year's theme for the competition, "FOOD FACTOR," challenges students to learn how food gets from the field to the kitchen table. Concepts such as sanitation, transportation and refrigeration are explored.

The Chickasaw Gardens, a department that specializes

in community gardening and planting, explained to the LEGO team students the processes of planting and harvesting.

The Chickasaw Nation's Nutrition Services Department contributed information about the importance of food handling, safety and cooking. Dieticians explained the food pyramid to students, and how the U.S. Department of Agriculture had recently shifted focus to the "nutritional plate."

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Brent Greenwood's art is celebrated, but he keeps his 'day job'

Chickasaw artist exhibits work at 'Art En Capital,' Paris

Asked what advice he would give young aspiring artists, Chickasaw artist Brent Greenwood told a story about sitting at a gallery with a very successful artist and friend whose paintings sold for \$25,000 or more. A student asked the artist for his advice.

"Dan looked at him and said 'get a real job,'" Mr. Greenwood said with a chuckle. "He said 'being an artist is a sacrifice. It's tough work. It's not easy.'"

Mr. Greenwood, a very successful artist in his own right, has followed that advice. While he has a "real job" as a mail carrier, he recently took some time off to further advance his career as an artist.

Mr. Greenwood, of Chickasaw and Ponca heritage, joined 10 other American Indian artists exhibiting their work at the sixth annual "Art En Capital," a major event on the Paris art scene which gathers great artists from around the world. Approximately 40,000 visitors, including art collectors, gallery owners, and others visited the event in Paris, France, which ran from Nov. 22 through Nov. 27.

"Brent Greenwood is very deserving of this honor," said Governor Bill Anoatubby. "He is an accomplished artist who takes great pride in sharing his tribal heritage. We are very proud to have such a talented artist and dedicated family man representing the Chickasaw Nation."

Mr. Greenwood said he was honored to have been asked to take part in the exhibit, which is the first showing of American art at the event. It is also the first major showing of American Indian art in Europe since the "Kiowa Five" took their work to Europe in 1928.

"I do realize that it's the first Native artists' delegation to go overseas to Paris and exhibit our work since the Kiowa Five," he said. "That in itself says a lot. I'm really, really humbled to be included in this group and represent our people."

Mr. Greenwood does seem genuinely humble. Although he aspired to lofty goals, he seems somewhat surprised that he is reaching them at this point in his life.

"The exhibit closes on the 27th and that will be my 40th birthday," he said. "It's awesome. It's pretty cool timing. If you had told me on my 40th birthday, I'd be in Paris, France, that's kind of crazy."

Mr. Greenwood earned his bachelor of fine arts degree from Oklahoma City University in 1997. He has been exclusively represented by the Kiva gallery in Santa Fe since 1998. He was chosen as the featured artist for the Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival in 2010. His art is also on the cover of the 2010 Oklahoma Native Tourism guide.

"When I first became involved with kind of taking my artwork seriously, and realizing that more and more people kind of appreciated what I do, I never thought that I was going to be a prolific artist, with all the commissions and be in a gallery for over 12 years now," he said. "I had hoped to maybe achieve some of those things, but the rate at which I'm achieving them. . . It's all come about in what seems like a relatively short amount of time. It's a great job. I feel humbled and blessed to be able to do what I do."

His decision to keep his job at the Post Office was motivated in part by his responsibilities as a husband and father. Brent and his wife Kennetha were selected as National Indian Parents of the Year in 2010 by the National Indian Education Association.

"Being a father, you can't script it or anything," he said. "You can get advice from your parents. As a young parent sometimes you think you know it all, but you don't, really. It's all a learning experience," he said. "Luckily, we had a good upbringing so we kind of have a grasp the situation."

"It's kind of funny. I know everyone goes through this, but so many times you are talking to your kids and I find myself saying the same thing to my son that my parents said to me. It's funny, but it obviously worked, so I'll keep doing it. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

His job also provided freedom and inspiration which helped his career as an artist.



Brent Greenwood at 2011 Red Earth in Oklahoma City.

"I'm glad that I have a job because it gives me that flexibility and room to grow as an artist. I don't have to paint this just to make this month's rent," said Mr. Greenwood. "I could paint what I paint and if they like it they buy it. It's gotten to the point now that when people like certain things that I paint, they commission me for work. So that's a blessing."

Anyone who has seen his work knows Brent Greenwood's art often delivers serious messages under humorous titles such as "There goes the Neighborhood," "Don't Squeeze the

Shaman," or "Custer's Target Shirt."

"I take my inspiration from real life, from everyday events, you know," he said. "And to me, art doesn't have to be so serious. You can still get your point across sometimes just by the title. For instance, I just think of different things like common titles or cliché phrases like, 'There Goes the Neighborhood.' I envisioned the land run and think there goes the neighborhood. It's kinda tongue in cheek."

"I think I did the first one in 2001 and I've done five since

then. And they've all had Indian people looking off into the background and seeing horse and riders, Sooner Schooners, or the land run monument and things like that."

Mr. Greenwood's connection to his tribal heritage goes beyond his painting. He sings Ponca songs at dances and church. His children are also dancers and artists.

He has also done consulting with Disney on updating some of their attractions.

Mr. Greenwood said he was very appreciative of the Chickasaw Nation's support of the arts through the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy and other efforts.

"The tribe really nurtures what we do as artists," he said. "I'm excited about everything that's happening with our Chickasaw people. They continue to support what we do. I think we are all going to grow in our vision of the future. I think a lot of tribal people look at us as a model."

Other Oklahoma artists included in the event include America Meredith, Anita Fields, Dana Tiger, dg smalling, Joe Don Brave, Marla Skye, N. Scott Momaday, Yatika Fields, Edgar Heap of Birds and Tom Poolaw.

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'The Neighborhood' by Chickasaw artist Brent Greenwood.

October 2011 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Davion Woods

Davion, son of Jeff and Jennifer Woods, of Lexington, Okla., is an October 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Davion is in the fifth grade at Lexington Intermediate School and was nominated by fifth-grade teacher Jana Weigel.

"Davion is an outstanding student and works hard in class," said Ms. Weigel. "I am excited that recently he was accepted into the Gifted and Talented Program."

Davion's hobbies include studying, helping his younger siblings learn how to read and playing video games.

"My goal in life is to receive a great education, so that I can help take care of my family when I am older," said Davion.

Tommie Shields

Tommie, daughter of Mark Birdshead and Renata



Davion Woods



Tommie Shields

Shields, of Ada, Okla., is October 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

Tommie is in the fourth grade at Byng Elementary School and was nominated by Byng Indian Education Coordinator Stephanie Delfrate.

"Tommie is hard working and always willing to complete any task assigned," said Ms. Delfrate "She is a pleasant to be with and is always quick with a smile."

Tommie is a member of the Byng Elementary Native Voices Club. She enjoys learning Chickasaw words and songs. She, as well as the club, recently took first place at the Pontotoc County Fair in the boxed collection category.

"When I grow up I want to be a teacher," said Tommie.

Andrew Williams

Andrew, son of Sam and Tabitha Williams, of Francis, Okla., is an October 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement



Andrew Williams

Award for Citizenship.

Andrew is in the sixth grade at Byng Elementary School and was nominated by Byng Indian Education Coordinator Stephanie Delfrate.

"Andrew is well mannered, respectful and hard working," said Ms. Delfrate. "He possesses the drive and ambition to succeed and overcome any difficulties he may face."

Andrew's hobbies include reading and playing with friends. He is active in many school programs including Native Voices Club, band, basketball and track.

"My future plan is to be a player in the National Football League," said Andrew.

Christina Fox-MacRobert

Christina, daughter of Marty and Shandi Martin, of Ada, Okla., is an October 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.



Christina Fox-MacRobert

Christina is a third grader at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by third-grade

teacher Scarlett Barton.

"Christina is a great student and a sweet young lady," said Ms. Barton. "She works hard, makes good grades and is respectful of others."

Christina enjoys collecting stuffed animals, dancing, singing and playing softball in the summer.

"I will continue to make A's and B's in school so that one day I can attend college and become a veterinarian," said Christina.

Shelbey Parnacher

Shelbey, daughter of Craig and Shannon Parnacher, of Ada, Okla., is October 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Athletics.



Shelbey Parnacher

Shelbey is a sophomore at Latta High School and was nominated by softball coach Jim Foster.

"Shelbey has played softball for me for two years," said Coach Foster. "She continually shows great character and strong work habits."

Shelbey's hobbies include

playing basketball and softball. She is in the Chickasha Apihichi Ikbi

Leadership program with the Chickasaw Nation and is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Last year, Shelby obtained perfect attendance in school.

"To help pay for college, my future plan is to earn a scholarship in athletics to the University of Tennessee" said Shelby.

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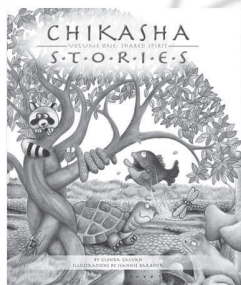
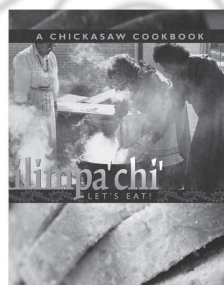
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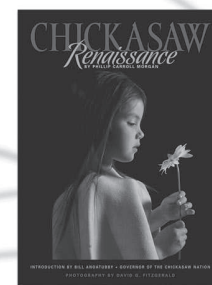
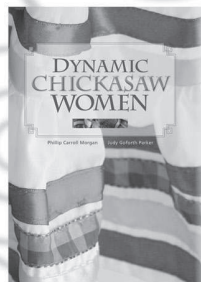
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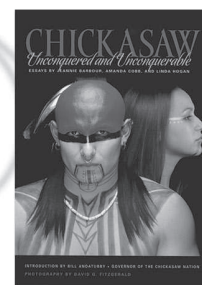


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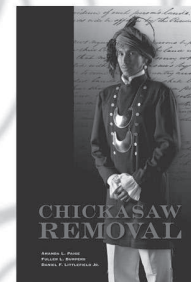
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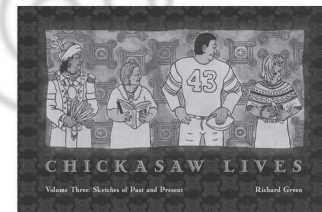
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Colorado Chickasaw Community Council

Chukma! The Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado met for its quarterly meeting on Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Denver Indian Center. Twenty-two members gathered to discuss future plans for the group and enjoy a fabulous Thanksgiving potluck.

Polling results regarding cultural interests were revealed and discussed. Interests were many and varied, but Chickasaw history and the National Archives were among the list toppers.

The decision was made to increase the number of meetings per year from quarterly to six (every other odd month).

We wish to extend a friendly welcome to our newcomers this month and to all Colorado Chicksaws to join us for our first meeting of 2012 on the first Saturday in January.

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Dr. Mary Kathryn Allen

Dr. Mary Kathryn Allen died October 15, 2011. Services were October 19 at Highland Park Baptist Church with pastors Randy Sutherland and Jerry Couch officiating.

Dr. Allen was born January 23, 1932 at Duncan, Okla., to Jim and Myrtle Allen.

After graduating from Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, Texas in 1958, where she was the manager for the Hutcherson Flying Queens basketball team, she started her teaching career at Marlow (OK) Public Schools.

In 1964, while teaching at Duncan High School, she earned her master's of education degree from the University of Oklahoma. In 1979 she earned her doctorate of education from Oklahoma State University. After teaching at Duncan High School for six years she began her career at Cameron University, where she taught until retirement in 1994.

Dr. Allen was a faithful member of Highland Park Baptist Church where she served as a Sunday school teacher, sang in the choir and served in various other capacities. She was also active in other civic and educational organizations.

She had a gift of making others feel special. She was loved and respected by her family, friends and colleagues. She will long be remembered for her sweet spirit, words of encouragement and acts of generosity.

She is survived by her nephew Barry Allen and wife Patsy, of Owasso, Okla.; sister-in-law, Lola Allen, of Owasso; great nephew, Lt. Col. Drew Allen and wife, Ashli, and children Abigail Kathryn and Hannah Grace of Washington, D.C.; and great-niece Jessica Freeman and husband, Jim, of Owasso.

Hawaii Lois Davidson Anoatubby



Hawaii Lois Davidson Anoatubby, 67, died November 25, 2011 at Ardmore, Okla. Services were Nov. 28 at Northeast Baptist Church in Ardmore with Rev. Ed Lee, Rev. Steve Wall and Rev. Steve Skinner officiating. Interment followed in McMillan Cemetery in Marshall County, Okla.

Mrs. Anoatubby was born Dec. 1, 1943 at Talihina, Okla., to Jack Wilson and Lorene (Harris) Wilson.

She married David Davidson at Ardmore. They were married 33 years. He preceded her in death. She married Russell Anoatubby July 13, 2007 at Ardmore.

She was a graduate of Sequoyah (OK) High School. She retired from Crouzet Electronic in Dallas. After Mr. Davidson's death, she moved back to Ardmore where she was very active in the Sequoyah Alumni, Carter Seminary Alumni and the Women's Missionary Union (WMU) at Northeast Baptist Church where she was a member for many years.

Mrs. Anoatubby loved to sew, do bead work, crafts and take family pictures.

She and Mr. Davidson went on missionary trips when she was active in her church in Dallas. She was one of the founding members of the Indian Missionary Baptist Church in San Jose, Calif., under the pastorate of Pete Wall. When called upon by any church she gladly served.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, David Davidson; brothers, Woodrow Francis Minor, Jackie "Jinkie" Wilson, and Alphas Jim Jefferson.

She is survived by two sons, David Davidson, of the home and Mark Davidson, of Ardmore; a daughter, Rebecca Davidson, of Dallas; seven grandchildren Joshua Davidson, Sebastian Davidson, Brooke Davidson, Michaela Thompson, Christina Ivy, and Misty Ivy, who is expecting a great-grandchild; two great-grandchildren, Skyy Toloa Davidson and Alicia Marie Padron; step-children, Loretta Anoatubby, Lou Taylor, and Johna Anoatubby; five step-grandchildren, Brooklyn Anoatubby, Brayden Anoatubby, Brianna Anoatubby, Lou Piper Taylor, and Eyren Taylor; sisters, Tia Juana John, Arnetta Higgins, and Sandra Carrillo, all of Ardmore; brothers, Winston Jefferson and Mike Jefferson, both of Ardmore, and Malcolm Jefferson, of Yah-Ta-Hey, N.M.; half-sisters, Sharon Poe, of Connerville, Okla., Vicki Wilson, of Tishomingo, Okla., and Cathy Wilson, of South Dakota; half-brothers, Rusty Wilson, of Tishomingo, Ricky Wilson, of Ada, Okla., and Edward Foreman, of Jay, Okla.

Pallbearers will be Winston Jefferson, Malcolm Jefferson, Rusty Wilson, Ricky Wilson and Edward Foreman.

Honorary bearers are Christopher Paulson and Russell Anoatubby.

Condolences may be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com

Patricia Jackson Conway



Patricia Jackson Conway, 79, died November 21, 2011 at Ardmore, Okla. Services were November 25, 2011 at Trinity Baptist Church, Ardmore, with Pastor Terry Tolbert and Pastor Jimmy May officiating. Interment followed in Hillcrest Memorial Park, Ardmore.

Mrs. Conway was born Dec.

9, 1931 at Atoka, Okla., to Lamar and Lucille (Crosby) Jackson.

She married Gene Conway March 14, 1953 at Northeast Baptist Church, Ardmore.

She graduated from Ardmore High School in 1950 and attended Ardmore Business College. She went to work for Oklahoma Motor Company as a bookkeeper. Later, she went to work as a secretary at National Supply Company. She worked for Exchange National Bank as a teller, as the secretary for Trinity Baptist Church for 14 years, and for the Bureau of Indian Affairs for 12 years.

She was a long-time member of Trinity Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Stella Virginia Jackson.

She is survived by her husband, Gene, of the home; a son, Ronnie Conway; and a grandson, Kelvin Conway, of Ardmore; son, Gary Conway and his wife, Iris; granddaughters, Marisa Conway and Deirdre Conway; and great-granddaughter, Mika Sage Conway, all of Houston; brother, Lamar "Buddy" Jackson and wife, Beverly, of Sherman, Texas; and a host of family and friends.

Pallbearers were Gary Simmons, Alex Pineda, Clyde Kemp, Glen Jenkins, Rodney Shields, Boyd Howell and Wilbur Whittle.

Honorary bearers were Kenneth Mathis, W. D. Lowden, R. D. Choate, Joe Jacobs and Jack McGahey.

Those wishing to make donations may do so to Trinity Baptist Church, 320 North Washington, Ardmore, Okla. 73401.

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Barry Parks Countess



Barry Parks Countess, 42, of Ardmore, Okla., died November 5, 2011. Graveside services were November 9, at Hickory Cemetery, Ardmore.

He was born July 18, 1969 at Duluth, Minn., to Billy Parks Countess and Laverne (Adams Countess) Wilson.

He attended school at Austin and worked in construction at Clovis, N.M. Mr. Countess worked with his family in landscaping and moved to Ardmore in 2001. He worked with Dollar General and for local landscapers until his disability forced him to quit working.

He married Donna Renee (Carney) Taylor in April 2006 at Healdton, Okla.

He enjoyed playing pool and fishing. He loved being with his family and playing with his grandchild.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; his mother, Lavern Wilson and husband, Buddy, of Ardmore; his father, Billy Parks Countess, of Flomaton, Ala.; a son, Max Mayo Countess, of Ardmore; four step-children, Darnell James Taylor, Julian Matt Taylor, Rein Jacob Taylor, and Ethan Bryce Taylor and wife, Ashley, all of Ardmore; and grandchild, Olivia Taylor; two brothers, Benny Park Countess, of Enid, Okla. and Chad Aaron Caswell, of Ardmore; and sister Darla Kay Moser and husband, Jeff, of Atoka, Okla.

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Mona Rae Cushman



Mona Rae Cushman, 87, died November 15, 2011 at Chandler, Okla. Services were November 19 at the Sunny Lane Chapel. Interment was in Sunny Lane Cemetery, Del City, Okla.

She was born November 11, 1924 at Purcell, Okla., to James Edward Smith II and Rosie Rena (McMillan) Smith (roll number 1478).

Mrs. Cushman was raised in a very loving Native American family. She was very proud of her Chickasaw heritage often reminding others that she was Chickasaw and making sure that other family members never forgot to be proud that they were too.

The town of McMillan, Oklahoma (near Ardmore) was named for her grandfather's family and general store.

She married into a military family and traveled to many points of the world, including one of her favorite places, Spain.

She had two children, Mark Smith Cushman, of Norman, Okla., and Stacy Conner, of Brimingham, Ala.

She was a legal secretary, and later worked civilian duty at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City. In the 1970's she became friends with Dorothy Henry and remained lifelong best friends until her passing in April of this year. Ms. Cushman was helped through the time after Mrs. Henry's passing by members of her family, Bob and Cindy Blair and their loving family as well as her nieces and nephews.

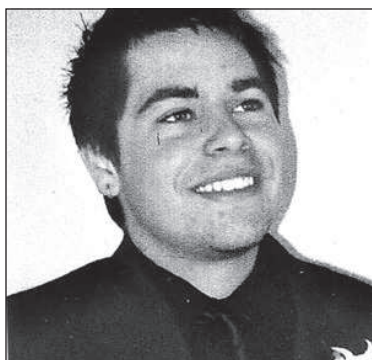
Ms. Cushman had a wonderful love of life and quick wit that helped her through the difficult times.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father; brothers, Kelly M. Smith and James Edward Smith III; a sister, Thelma M. Roberts; half-sisters,

Geraldine Powledge and Lottie Ellison.

She is survived by her children; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was prepared and eager to meet her maker, friends and family once again.

Jesse Daniel Kamlan



Jesse Daniel Kamlan, 19, died October 27, 2011. Services were November 2 at the Springs Funeral Service, Colorado Springs.

Mr. Kamlan was born July 2, 1992 at Colorado Springs and raised in Falcon, Colo., where he was home-schooled and was a senior at Goal Academy.

He was the great-grandson of John W. Hogue, an original enrollee of the Chickasaw Nation and was proud of his Native American heritage.

Jesse was a handsome, talented young man and learned to play the piano and guitar at an early age. He loved to do artwork and was an avid writer and poet. He loved to cook and had a great sense of humor which he shared with everyone he knew.

Jesse will remain in our hearts and taught us all how to love people for who they are "PLUR", peace, love, unity/understanding, respect. He was greatly loved and adored and will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his parents, Frank and Susan Kamlan; brothers, Brian Wyson, Brian Anthony and Frank James Kamlan; grandparents, Leroy and Twyla Walter; uncles; aunts; cousins; nieces; and many friends; and his fiancée Hannah Ruth Kornblatt and daughter.

Sallie Rasha "Granny" Marris



Sallie Rasha "Granny" Marris, 90, died November 7, 2011 at Ardmore, Okla. Services were November 10 at the Griffin-Hillcrest Chapel with Rev. Randy Wade officiating. Interment followed in Concord Cemetery, Ardmore.

Mrs. Marris was born December 29, 1920 at Ardmore, to John Rasha and Minnie (John) Rasha.

She was a devoted homemaker her entire life and enjoyed fishing, camping, bingo and most of all being surrounded by her many, many grandchildren.

She took pride in taking and teaching her grandchildren to fish and camp and how to respect the outdoors. She had a lifelong love of all her animals and the company of her many friends. She also loved to cook for her family on Sunday afternoons or any given occasion. Her main requests were red top stew, chicken and dumplings, wild onions, salt pork and homemade biscuits.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Winner Marris; siblings; a daughter, Helen Rasha; a son, Ralph Hardy Marris; two granddaughters, Freida Parker and Brenda Avilia; and long-time companion, Melford Thomas.

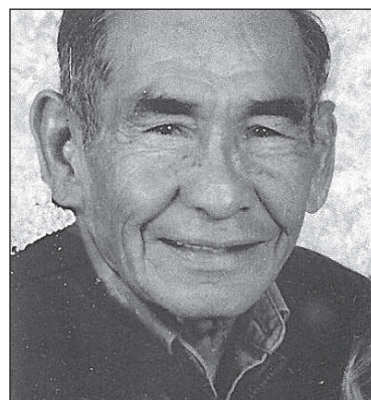
She is survived by a daughter; Tena Jo Layton and husband, James, of Lone Grove, Okla.; three sons, Jim Marris and Earlene Wilkenson, of Dickson, Okla., Darrell Gene Rodgers, of Ft. Worth, and Albert Lewis and wife, Francis, of Ardmore; a daughter-in-law, Pearl Marris, of Ardmore; a niece, Helen Meadows, of Ardmore; 16 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Robert Ingram, Jr., Russell Douthit, Colby Poe, Jamie Parker, Travis Layton, and Dustin Mote.

Honorary bearers will be her great-grandsons.

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Raymond Palmer, Sr.



Raymond Palmer Sr., 84, died October 29, 2011. Services were November 2 at The Chapel at Griffin-Hillcrest, Ardmore, Okla.

Mr. Palmer was born January 28, 1927 at Coalgate, Okla., to Watson Palmer and Emma (Courtney) Palmer.

After his marriage to Millie Phillips, the couple moved to Ardmore in 1948.

In 1971, he worked on the construction of the Michelin Plant in Ardmore and stayed with that position until the plant was completed in 1973. He took a position with the City of Ardmore at the water treatment plant and then moved to the road department where he retired in 1990.

Mr. Palmer who affectionately became known as "Big Daddy," read his Bible every day and had received a certificate stating that he was an ordained minister.

He liked to repair small engines in his spare time. He enjoyed fishing, playing dominos, and any activities that took him out in nature. He loved being with his family and many grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife Millie (Phillips) Palmer; daughter, Glenda "JoAnn" Linderman; sons, Raymond Palmer, Jr., Jimmy "Buffalo" Palmer, John Adam Palmer and David Glenn Palmer; and an infant daughter; great-granddaughter, Alison Ely; and great-grandson, Raymond John Randall Palmer;

brothers, Edward Palmer, and Lubbin Palmer; and sisters, Elizabeth Palmer, Listey Johnson, and Anita Mose.

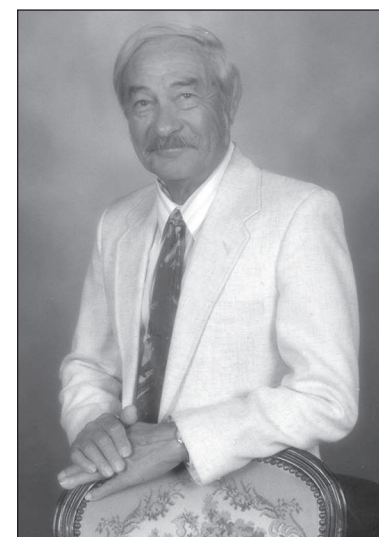
He is survived by daughters, Rebecca Collins, Lahoma Jean Palmer-Lowe, Norma Higginbotham; sons, Winston Isaac Palmer and James Lynn Palmer; 23 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; sister, Lina Pickens.

Pallbearers were Will Linderman, Luis Alvarez, Jonathon Higginbotham, Tracy Washburn, Jimmy Royal, Jr., and Triton Collins.

Honorary pall bearers were Cecil Higginbotham II, Cecil Higginbotham III, Eddie Palmer, Melvin Palmer, Conan Collins, Chris Harmon, Winston Isaac Palmer, Jr., Eli Holybee, Elizha Royal, Jonathon Higginbotham, Jr., and James Lynn Palmer.

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William James Speed



William J. Speed, 90, died October 25, 2011.

He was born July 30, 1921 at Wynnewood, Okla., to Samuel J. Speed (Chickasaw) and Josephine Reichert Speed (Choc-taw).

The family moved to California in the early 1930s and he graduated from Venice High School. He served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and maintained a love of flying throughout his life. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed camping, especially in Yosemite, the Sierras, and the California Coast.

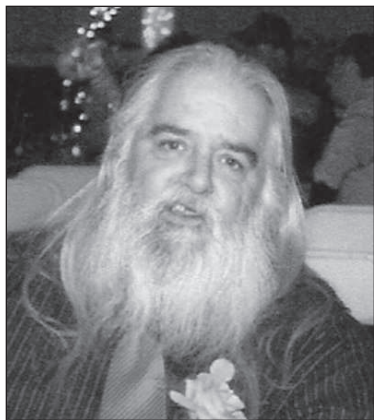
An able and innovative administrator, he worked for Los

Angeles Public Library for 30 years, creating and serving as head of its audiovisual department until his retirement in 1982. His work brought him national recognition and he was the recipient of numerous awards over the course of his career. Mr. Speed loved life and lived it to the fullest.

A Chickasaw citizen, he is greatly missed by his family and friends.

Mr. Speed shared his life and love for 52 years with Iris Ann Speed. Mrs. Speed is joined in celebrating his life by his seven children, William Richard, Kathleen, James, Lindsay, Shannon, Jason and Christie; seven grandchildren, Thomas Allen, Cheryl, Laura, Vaultaire, Kaylie, Andrew and Camila; and great-grandchildren, Kayleb and MacKenzie.

Forrest Anthony "Tony" Walker



Forrest Anthony "Tony" Walker, 59, died November 9, 2011 at Ardmore, Okla. Graveside services were November 14, at Lone Grove (OK) Cemetery.

He was born July 14, 1952 at Oakland, Calif., to Forrest Melvin Walker and Cathryn (Bass) Walker.

He attended Ardmore schools. Mr. Walker enlisted in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged.

He went to work for Xerox Company of Texas for seven years. He was a graduate of Murray State College with an associates degree in applied science. His last employment was at WinStar World Casino.

Mr. Walker was an avid Texas Rangers fan and football fan. He was a classic rock music fanatic, a great cook and an avid motorcycle rider. He was a likeable person, a man of faith, and a loving and devoted father.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Cathryn Walker; and grandmother, Lucille Parker.

He is survived by his father Forrest Walker, of Temple, Texas; children, Shelby Walker, of Allen, Texas, Lindsey Walker-Ruhnke and husband, Chance, of Ardmore, and Skyler Luke Walker, of Bennington, Okla.; two sisters, Teri O'Grady and Renee Walker; two brothers, Tracy Hammer and Toby Hammer, all of Texas; former mother-in-law, Doris Battles; and a host of family and friends.

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Carrie Ann Wallace



Carrie Ann Wallace, 48, died November 24, 2011 at Ardmore, Okla. Services were November 29, at Griffin-Hillcrest Chapel, Ardmore, with Rev. Jay Mule officiating. Interment followed in McAlister Cemetery in Carter County, Okla.

Mrs. Wallace was born July 25, 1963 at Talihina, Okla., to Otis Roberts and Francis (Sampson) Roberts.

She married Paul Wallace April 12, 1996 at Gainesville, Texas.

She enjoyed living life the best that she could. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Freda Roberts, Helen Shockley, and Henrietta Roberts; grandchildren, Alison Ely and Raymond John Randall Palmer.

She is survived by her husband Paul, of the home; daughters, Lacrisa John and husband Chris, of Carthage, Miss., Melissa Roberts, Cara Goree and husband Jeremy, of Gilmer, Texas, Tamara Ely, of Lawton, Okla.; a son Isaac Palmer, of Lawton; twelve grandchildren; sisters, Elizabeth Roberts, of

Lawton, Okla., Jodie Roberts, of Oklahoma City, Charlotte Roberts, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Bonnie Shockley, of Ardmore; a brother, Randall Roberts; three aunts; three uncles; and a host of family and friends.

Pallbearers were Vincent Marris, Jeremy Goree, Raymond Anderson, Johnathan Higgenbotham, David Ludlow and Winston Palmer, Jr.

Honorary bearers will be Paul Wallace, Randall Roberts, Michael Stoliby, James Behrens, and Chris John.

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Joyce Ann Williams

Joyce Ann Williams, 67, of Ardmore, Okla., died November 15, 2011 at Ardmore. Services were November 19 at Durwood Missionary Baptist Church, Ardmore, with Rev. Scott Battice officiating. Interment followed in Nelda Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams was born January 16, 1944 at Ardmore, to Anison Thomas and Lorene (Jackson) Thomas.

She married Carter Williams June 10, 1964 at Durwood, Okla.

She attended Dickson High Schools and then went to work for Stromberg Carlson on the assembly line. She later took a position with the Holiday Inn until she retired after 20 plus years of service.

She enjoyed cleaning, cooking, baking and sewing.

She was a member of the Durwood Missionary Baptist Church and was always willing and ready to cook for the different church meetings. Most of all she enjoyed being with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Carter; brothers, William Thomas and Joe Lee Thomas; sisters, Irene Mose and Emaline Tubbee.

She is survived by sons, Richard Williams, of Ardmore and Anson Paul Williams, of Dickson; a brother, Bobby Thomas and wife, Paula, of Dickson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Jorden Thomas, Mike Thomas, Gil Navaraz, Eric Meeley, Steven Mose and Brian Davis.

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Chickasaw elders now eligible for winter fruits, vegetables

The Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services department is offering a new Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program benefit during the winter months.

Chickasaw seniors, age 55 and older, as well as disabled Chickasaw citizens, are eligible to receive frozen fruits and vegetables the third week of each month through March. Proof of 100 percent disability is required.

Individuals can receive the benefit by visiting a Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Center in Ada, Purcell or Ardmore, Okla., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the following dates: Dec. 19 - 23; Jan. 16 - 20;

Feb. 20 - 24; March 19 - 23.

The Ada Nutrition Center is located at 518 E. Arlington. The Purcell Nutrition Center is located at 1530 Hardcastle Blvd. and the Ardmore Nutrition Center is at 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.

Winter fruits and vegetables included in the program are spinach, Brussels sprout, sweet potato, cranberry, apple, squash, carrot and many more. Food package will vary each month.

For more information, please call (580) 272-5714.

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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSIONChickasaw Nation Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
October 21, 2011**AGENDA ITEM #1** CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson David Woerz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.**AGENDA ITEM #2** ROLL CALL**Members present:** Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz**Staff present:** Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel**Guests present:** Bob Foraker, Joyce Foraker, Dana Lance, Randy Nesbitt, Jeff O'Dell, Michael L. Wingo, Mike Watson, Emil J. Farve, Jr.**AGENDA ITEM #3** INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairperson Woerz announced the floor was open for nominations for Chairperson.

Ms. Briggs nominated Mr. David Woerz for Chairperson and Ms. Barker seconded the nomination.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Briggs that Mr. Woerz be elected Chairperson by acclamation.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

11 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Katie Case

2 no votes

The motion carried for Mr. Woerz to be elected Chairperson by acclamation.

Chairperson Woerz announced the floor was open for nominations for Secretary.

Ms. Elliott nominated Ms. Dean McManus for Secretary and Ms. Briggs seconded the nomination.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Elliott that Ms. McManus be elected Secretary by acclamation.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion for Ms. McManus be elected Secretary by acclamation carried unanimously.

Chairperson Woerz passed the gavel and nominated Ms. Doretta Sellers as Recording Secretary. Mrs. Alexander seconded the nomination.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and second by Ms. Briggs that Ms. Sellers be elected Recording Secretary by acclamation.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion for Ms. Sellers to be elected Recording Secretary by acclamation carried unanimously.

Chairperson Woerz nominated Mr. Harold Stick as Sergeant-At-Arms. Ms. McManus seconded the nomination.

A motion was made by Chairperson Woerz and seconded by Ms. Briggs that Mr. Stick be elected Sergeant-At-Arms by acclamation.

ended by Ms. Briggs that Mr. Stick be elected Sergeant-At-Arms by acclamation.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion for Mr. Stick to be nominated by acclamation carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5 READING OF MINUTES -
September 16, 2011

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Alexander to approve the minutes of September 16, 2011.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2011, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #7: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**(A) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Scott Colbert**General Resolution Number 29-001, Approval of Development Budget Amendment (Salt Creek Casino)**

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Salt Creek Casino Construction, Project Number 1208-CHK-GAM-C in the amount of \$19,999,630.00.

The Chickasaw Nation has acquired a 26-acre parcel of land located near Chickasha, Oklahoma. Based on our physical site review, environmental assessments, and infrastructure analysis, we conclude the property would be suitable for the development of a new gaming facility - our first in Grady County. The Salt Creek Casino project will provide an estimated 150 jobs and an entertainment venue for the area. The expansion will provide the opportunity to increase revenues to support the Chickasaw Nation's programs and services. The Salt Creek Casino is proposed for construction on land off of State Highway 81 outside of Chickasha. The Casino is proposed to include an eatery and retail center as well as 500 electronic gaming machines and a variety of table games. The scope of work would encompass developing the site to accommodate the casino building and associated parking and construct

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2010-2011 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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NOVEMBER 2011 RESOLUTIONS

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

General Resolution Number 29-009

Approval of Development Budget Amendment
(Sulphur Pocket Park)

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for a pocket park in Sulphur, Oklahoma, Project Number 20-0100-10, in the amount of \$708,277.00.

The pocket park will be a complement to the Artesian Hotel and improve the aesthetics of the downtown area in Sulphur. The proposed site is directly across the street from the hotel and is currently an empty lot except for a few remnants of an old building. The focal point of the area is a deteriorating wall of the two-story building next door. Replacing the dilapidated area with the pocket park will create a serene place for Chickasaw citizens, hotel guests and local citizens to enjoy. The design of the park will emphasize the healing properties of the local waters.

This proposal includes the construction of an approximately 7000 square foot park which will include water features, a walking path, sitting areas, landscaping and artwork.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

No votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case

General Resolution Number 29-010

Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County
(Tribal Tract 1464½)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Kepco Operating Inc. (Kepco), Post Office Box 910, Kilgore, Texas 75663-0910. Kepco has offered \$2,000 per acre for a total bonus of \$6,060.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$1,515.00. The lease will be for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rent for a total of \$9.09 per annum, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$2.27 per annum. The royalty rate is 18.75% of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive 4.6875%. This lease will be automatically extended so long as oil or gas is harvested in "paying quantities." This lease will be located on land that is jointly owned between the Choctaw Nation and the Chickasaw Nation, of which the Chickasaw Nation owns a one-quarter undivided interest.

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 29-011
Utility Service Easement in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a utility easement to service the new Roads Building, granted to OG&E Electric Services, its successors and assigns, the right, privilege and authority to enter upon and install, erect, operate, maintain, and reconstruct underground system of conduits, wires, cables, vaults, junction boxes, switches, fuses, transformers, service connection boxes and other fixtures for the transmission and distribution of electrical current and communication messages, including the right of ingress and egress to and from said system across adjoining lands of Grantor, upon and across the following real property and premises, situated in Pontotoc County, State of Oklahoma. Grantor further covenants and agrees that no building or other structure shall ever be erected nor shall any excavation or

other removal of soil, so as to change the grade of terrain, be accomplished by Grantor, its heirs or assigns, within the above described easement area unless the written consent of the Grantee is first obtained. The rights and privileges above granted to continue so long as same are used or needed for the transmission and distribution of electric current or communication messages; but should the Grantee remove its property from the premises and abandon the right of way herein granted, then the rights granted in this easement shall terminate.

Property Location: Roads Building, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma

Use: Utility Service Easement to OG&E Electric Service

Presented By: Land Development Committee

General Resolution Number 29-011
Utility Service Easement in Pontotoc County
Exhibit "A"

An Easement in the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Four (4) North, Range Six (6) East of the Indian Meridian, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, written by Timothy G. Pollard, PLS 1474, on September 9, 2011, using a Deed Bearing of S00°16'28"E between existing monuments at the Northeast and Southeast corners of said NW1/4, as a Basis of Bearing, said easement also described as shown on attached EXHIBIT "B" and further described as being Ten (10) feet in width, Five (5) feet each side of a centerline described as: COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of said NW 1/4;

Thence S00° 16'28"E, on the East line of said NW 1/4, for a distance of 340.49 feet;

Thence S89°43 '32"W for a distance of 50.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence S89°27'38"W, on said centerline, for a distance of 214.50 feet;

Thence S84°45 '46"W, on said centerline, for a distance of 76.25 feet;

Thence S87°01'55"E, on said centerline, for a distance of 88.94 feet to the POINT OF TERMINATION.

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Permanent Resolution 28-007

Amendments to Title 8, Chapter 3 Section 8-301 of the Chickasaw Nation Code
(Changing Voter Districts)

Explanation: This resolution approves amendments to Title 8, Chapter 3 Section 8-301 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that voters residing outside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation shall be allowed to change from one voting district to another starting October 1, 2011. All voter district changes shall be submitted in writing to the Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar.

Presented By: Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

To Table

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Permanent Resolution 29-001

Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code
(Election Rules and Procedures)

Explanation: This resolution approves amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code. Section 8-304 is amended to make reference to related regulations

regarding voter registration and Section 8-404 is amended to correct the definition of election day.

Presented By: Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole

November 14, 2011

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Shana Hammond

Election Rules & Regulation Ad Hoc Committee

November 7, 2011

Present: Steve Woods, Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, David Woerz

Finance Committee

November 7, 2011

Present: Scott Colbert, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby

Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

November 14, 2011

Present: Scott Colbert, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Health Care Committee

November 7, 2011

Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, David Woerz

Absent: Connie Barker
Land Development Committee

November 7, 2011

Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, David Woerz

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a 33,800 sq. ft. building.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR29-001.

Ms. Alexander stated she could not support this resolution because she believes the Nation should take better care better of the citizens before investing in another casino.

Chairperson Woerz called for a vote.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

Member voting no:

Beth Alexander

1 no vote

The motion to approve GR29-001 carried.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

(B) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT
by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 29-006, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation, Mr. Michael Cornelius

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Michael Cornelius to the Board of Commissioners of the Chickasaw Housing Authority. Mr. Cornelius' term will end on January 23, 2014.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR29-006.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR29-006 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 29-007, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Governing Board of the Chickasaw Nation Health System, Mr. James A. Ingram

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. James A. Ingram to the Governing Board of the Chickasaw Nation Health System.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR29-007.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR29-007 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 29-008, Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians. This is virtually the same application which is submitted to the Legislature for approval each year. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980s. This resolution also names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded

by Ms. Briggs to approve GR29-008.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR29-008 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(C) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 28-002, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County Oklahoma, located at 105 South Capitol.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR29-002.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR29-002 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 28-003, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County Oklahoma, located at 304 West 8th Street.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR29-003.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott,

Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus,

Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR29-003 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 29-004, Oil and Gas Lease in Marshall County

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of XTO Energy Inc. (XTO), 810 Houston Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102. XTO has offered \$810.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$64,800.00. The lease will be for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rent for a total of \$240.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%. This lease will be automatically extended so long as oil and gas is harvested in "paying quantities." This lease is located on land that is wholly owned and USA in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation, known as McMillan Tract 51. The land is rural, vacant, and landlocked parcel located approximately five (5) miles west of Madill, Marshall County, containing 80.33 acres more or less. For the oil and gas well on such property and all other wells that are drilled on such property pursuant to the Oil and Gas Lease, XTO shall pay a royalty to the Chickasaw nation at a rate of 18.75% of the value of oil and gas harvested.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR29-004.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR29-004 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 29-005, Utility Easement in Johnston County

This resolution authorizes and approves a utility easement granted to People's Electric Cooperative for the purpose of constructing and maintaining the distribution of electric current and communication messages. This easement will provide PEC with the land necessary for this construction. Without this easement PEC will not have sufficient space for the construction of their electric current and communication fixtures. This utility easement will serve as the main electric underground service line from the PEC transmission line to the new Connerville Senior Building.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR29-005.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR29-005 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Mike Watson made comments regarding the Chickasaw elders senior energy assistant program, mismanagement of funds, per capita payments to citizens, pay increases for lower level employees, and denial of a citizen for education assistance.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dean McManus, Secretary Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

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